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## Storage Permit Granted For Huge I-Park Expansion

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

In an increasingly rare moment of unanimity, Town Council approved a license to store 8,300 gallons of flammable and combustible liquids at a school supply warehouse to be built in the Agawam Industrial Park on Almgren Drive.

School Specialty, Inc., a national school supply company based in Wisconsin, will build a new 163,000 square foot warehouse in the industrial park to consolidate their Agawam facility (formerly known as New England School Supply) and a Maryland facility. This will create a northeast regional distribution center.

The license to store flammable and combustible liquids applies to supplies like rubber cement and duplicating fluid, commonly found in most schools. The liquids will arrive and leave the warehouse in Department of Transportation approved packaging. A license to store the chemicals was approved for the current facility in 1985.

No mixing of chemicals will be done at the warehouse.

The company has chosen a 15-acre site for the new warehouse.

All 47 existing jobs at the company's present Silver Street location will be retained and approximately 40 new jobs will be created when the new facility opens.

The company plans to begin construction in May. The new structure must be enclosed by August and fully operational by January.

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## Move Afoot Again To Nix Thompson As Council Chief

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

Town Council President Nancy Thompson will retain her spot as the council's presiding officer at least until June 3rd.

For the third time this month, the council took up the issue of removing Ms. Thompson from the presidency at Monday night's meeting.

Four councilors bought some time for her by charter objecting a vote calling for Ms. Thompson's ouster, thereby delaying the vote until the next regular council meeting.

Entering the charter objections were Councilors George Bitzas, David Skolnick, Jill Simpson, and Christian Quatrone.

Bitzas said he was using the charter objection for the first time in his eight years on the council because he wanted to find out the reasons why Ms. Thompson should be dismissed after Councilor Gary Suffriti refused to state his reasons.

Suffriti said, "I have stated them before. I will not answer any questions. I just want to vote on it."

Earlier, Councilors Thomas Ennis, Kent Servis, Joseph Langone, Edward Caba, Dennis Perry, and Suffriti voted to amend a measure forcing a vote on dismissing the president.

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## Veterans' Graves Flagged For Memorial Day



**FLAGGING GRAVES OF VETERANS** to prepare for the town's solemn Memorial Day festivities on Monday, May 27th are, from left - John Brown, George Brown (American Legion), Ruth Bitzas (veterans agent), and Dan Stapleton, who is placing a flag on the grave of his great-grandfather. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

*About \$50,000 In Equipment Donated...*

## Local Business Helping Science Thrive At Agawam High

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

What started as a field trip to satisfy a teacher's curiosity ended in a shopping spree bringing up-to-date technology to Agawam High School science students.

The scenario is pretty simple—one of those "ask and you shall receive" things commonly called a win/win situation. If you're a biology teacher and you drive by a laboratory on your way to work, the logical thought progression goes from wondering what type of work is being done, to wondering if a tour would be possible, to wondering if there's any surplus equipment hanging around that your students could use.

For AHS biology teacher Richard Joseph, the answers were biotech research and development, yes, and yes when he contacted Steven Richter of MicroTest Laboratories, Inc. of Feeding Hills.

Located less than a mile from the High School, the laboratory proved to be a treasure trove enriching the Science Department with about \$50,000 worth of equipment and supplies. Along with assorted glassware, bottles, and test tubes, the company donated a gas chromatograph, a pH meter, a digital pan balance, an electronic loop sterilizer, a water bath, a dehydration oven, a

temperature recorder, and an incubator.

Joseph said the water bath will take his students out of the realm of kitchen science in performing their DNA experiments.

### Unique Piece Of Equipment

"We had been using a hot plate, but if the temperature goes up even two degrees, the experiment is ruined," Joseph said. "The water bath has a very constant temperature and it's a unique piece of equipment for us."

Science teacher Michael Kidd said the students who will be taking science courses in college will have a leg up as a result of working with the same equipment they'll find in college labs.

"They'll use this equipment on a daily basis in college," Kidd said. "It's great for them to have the confidence that they already know how to use the equipment."

Richter agreed. "The kids who enjoy science will enjoy working with the latest technology."

A graduate of AHS, Richter believes in the importance of industry getting involved in education.

SEE AHS SCIENCE - Education Section...



**STORAGE PERMIT - from Page 1...**

With the support of the Mayor, the town's Planning Board, Conservation Commission, the Fire and Police departments, and the town engineer, School Specialty, Inc. drew nothing but praise from the council before their proposal to move their present Silver Street operation to a larger warehouse facility was unanimously approved.

Councilor Gary Suffriti noted that the council's unanimous vote showed the council could work together cooperatively.

**Johnson Expresses Concern...**

After the vote, Mayor Christopher C. Johnson said was happy the council chose to support the project unanimously, but expressed concern that a charter objection entered by Councilor Thomas Ennis on a resolution dealing with a drainage easement necessary for the project to proceed could delay the timetable for building the new warehouse.

A charter objection shuts down debate on an issue before the council and forces the vote to be moved to the next regular or special council meeting (if only one councilor makes the objection).

As Ennis was the sole councilor to enter a charter objection, the vote on the easement could come at the Town Council's regular June 3rd meeting or at a special meeting.

"The charter objection could delay the closing (on the School Specialty property), but I'm hopeful we won't need a special meeting," Johnson said.

Johnson said he expected officers of the Westmass Corporation, which administers the industrial park, would work to avoid a delay in closing on School Specialty's project.

Johnson said the warehouse would be the largest facility in the industrial park and would likely be valued at \$3 to \$5 million.

Councilor David Skolnick called the warehouse proposal "a gift from God. The trucks (going to and from the warehouse) will get off Route 57 at the Garden Street exit and most people won't see the trucks. The majority of the trucks will be UPS and there will be no traveling on Shoemaker Lane."

**Graves Flagged For Memorial Day Festivities**

**AT THE AGAWAM CENTER CEMETERY** last weekend, flagging veterans' graves for the upcoming Memorial Day services included, from left - Priscilla Peterson, Max Peterson, Dan Stapleton, and Rich Peterson. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

**Town's Memorial Day Agenda****SUNDAY, MAY 26, 1996**

\* 9:30 a.m.: Agawam United Methodist Church will host services on Veterans' Sunday. All are welcome.

**MEMORIAL DAY****MONDAY, MAY 27, 1996**

\* 8:00 a.m.: World War I Memorial - located directly in front of American Legion, Post 185.  
\* 8:30 a.m.: Springfield Street Cemetery - across

from Sacred Heart Church.

\* 9:00 a.m.: Agawam Center Cemetery - across from St. John's Church.

**PARADE**

\* 10:00 a.m. - PARADE - Assembly point will be Southworth Paper Company. **Parade will begin at 10:30** for a one-mile march down Main Street to Veterans' Green.

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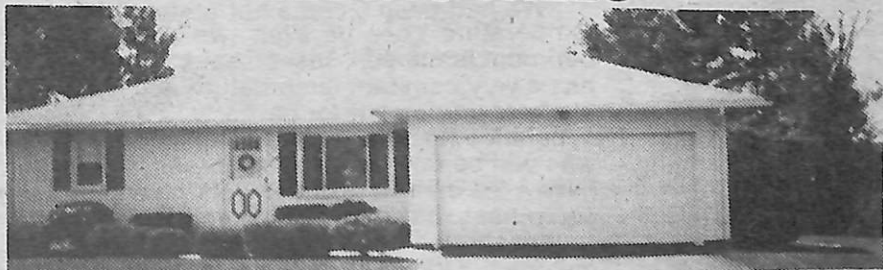
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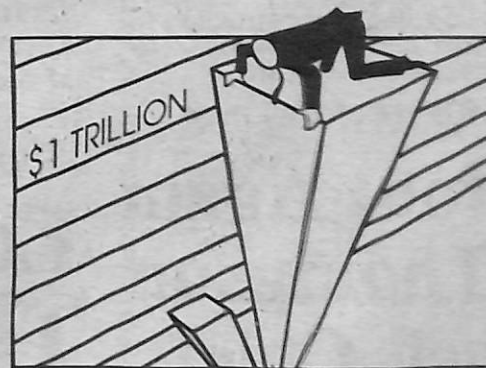
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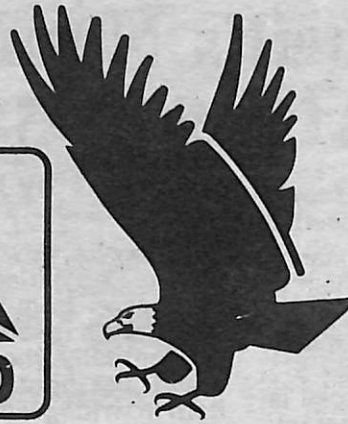
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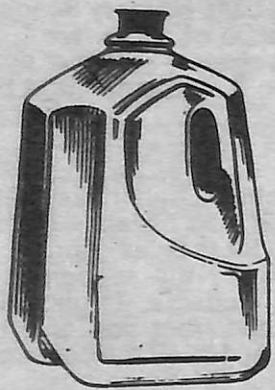


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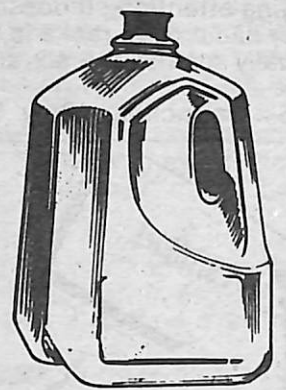


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## Commentary...

# Council's Numbers Game Looking At 6-5 or 5-6, or 6-5, or 5-6

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

Some number combinations are as familiar to most of us as our own names and we use them to sort and catalogue information every day.

Some number combinations can act as a kind of shorthand if you know how to read them.

Long distance operators know where a call is going by the area code. Postal workers direct letters by the zip code. Now, residents of Agawam have a new code to give them instant insight into the workings of their government.

It's called the council code and it's becoming something of a mantra as the council clerk announces the roll call votes. Six to five. Six to five. Six to five. Sometimes for variety, the number changes to five to six. (That's to make sure you're paying attention.) It doesn't usually mean a councilor has broken ranks to vote independently—it usually means the six are saying no instead of yes.

Six councilors (Gary Suffriti, Thomas Ennis,

Kent Servis, Edward Caba, Joseph Langone, and Dennis Perry) tried for the third time to oust Nancy Thompson from the council presidency at Monday night's meeting.

Eventually they'll probably succeed; if they could just figure out how to submit an agenda item in writing with the necessary documentation; how many votes it takes to carry an item; how new business becomes old business; how items are properly removed from the agenda—in short, the rules and procedures they claim their president isn't following.

On June 3rd, the council will have to vote on a motion to dismiss the president. Because the item was charter objected by four councilors, there will be no discussion so we won't get to hear the reasons why councilors have lost faith in their leadership.

The reason most often given is that Ms. Thompson removed an item from the council's agenda. Of course, this was after the town attorney said

consideration of the item could leave the town and the councilors as individuals potentially liable for slander and defamation of character.

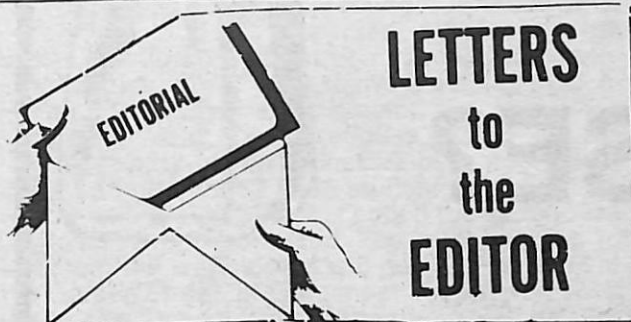
Think about it. They want to toss her out for protecting the town, and themselves, from the possibility of a lawsuit. Does anybody get this or is it just me?

And then there's the charge of being pro-Johnson.

Since when is it a bad idea for the branches of government to work cooperatively? When the Congress and the President won't work together in Washington, we call it gridlock.

When it happens here, we call it six to five. And don't be fooled by the unanimous vote to up the salaries at the Perry Lane Nursery School. That was just another variation of six to five.

Five of the six (Perry was absent) sent that proposal down in flames when it was submitted by the Mayor a month ago.



## UNICO Says Thanks For Help With "Lick-A-Pop" Drive

### To The Editor:

Agawam UNICO thanks *The Agawam Advertiser News* for the coverage of the recent Paul Ferrarini Lick-A-Pop Drive for our Mental Health Fund.

Also, thank you's go out to the Agawam Waldbaum's Super Food Mart, Feeding Hills Super Stop & Shop, and Pignatere Texaco for their support.

Thank you, people of Agawam and Feeding Hills, for your generosity which made this year's drive a great success. A special thanks to the people who mailed in donations, and also to the UNICO members who participated in the drive.

Dennis A. Marchetto

Agawam UNICO Mental Health Chairman

## Congratulations To AHS Principal Joseph Zabielski

### To The Editor:

Kudos, congrats, and best wishes to our new High School Principal, Mr. Zabielski. You earned it, you deserved it, and only you can fill such big shoes.

Mr. Zabielski, you have taken our school to such new heights in so little time, and things can only get better.

Keep up the good work and always strive to "listen" before acting.

Sincerely,  
Debra S. Curtis  
Agawam

## Tilden Family Expresses Appreciation For Support

### To The Editor:

On May 9th, at an Agawam soccer game at the Junior High field, our daughter Amanda broke her right leg. She was rushed to Baystate Medical Center by the Agawam Fire Department (with wonderful team effort) and admitted to the hospital.

During her stay at the hospital and at home recuperating, there has been an outpour of support for her speedy recovery. We have received calls, letters, cards, flowers, balloons, and visits from her soccer team (the "Rowdies") and "sister" soccer team (the "Cobras"), coaches, parents, the Agawam Soccer Association, the Agawam boys' soccer team and coach, and people from the community.

We, as well as Amanda, wish to publicly thank all who have expressed their support for her to recover and get back to what she loves best—playing soccer.

Thank you,  
Grace & Peter Tilden  
Agawam

## We Need To Hear More About The Positives At AHS

### To The Editor:

Far too often, we hear about the violence, drug dealing, and vandalism connected with our high school students. It is not often enough that we hear about the good things they do.

Last week, our high school theater group treated us to an outstanding performance of "M\*A\*S\*H" under the direction of faculty member Margo Poulin. Somewhere deep inside, Mrs. Poulin has a talent for knowing her students well enough to be able to cast them into roles for which they are perfectly suited. These student actors fit their roles so well, that it is hard to separate the student from the character.

I have long been a fan of student productions because of the energy and spirit that are put into them. The student actors, the student director, and all the technology workers put their hearts

and souls into these productions. And they do this not only for themselves, but also because of the love and respect they have for their advisor.

Thank you, Mr. Zabielski, for the support you give to these outstanding students. Thank you, Mrs. Poulin, for the love and trust you give to these students—it shows! And to all the cast and crew members who so ardently and enthusiastically put "M\*A\*S\*H" together, thank you.

And for those of you in town who have never treated yourself to a student theater production, experience it the next time. Come down and see for yourself the marvelous things our teenagers are capable of doing.

Sincerely,  
Kathleen A. Mounimeh  
Feeding Hills

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Monday, May 27th  
MEMORIAL DAY!!!

Saturday, June 1st  
Agawam Senior Games Athletes  
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9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 1st  
Agawam Junior Women's Club's  
22nd Annual Arts & Crafts Festival  
At Captain Leonard House, 663 Main St.  
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 1st  
Agawam Historical Association's  
3rd Annual House & Garden Tour  
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 5th  
Agawam Community Artists' meeting  
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## LETTERS - from Page 4...

## In Memory Of A Very Special Lady - Mrs. Jeanne Allard

## To The Editor:

On Mother's Day, May 12, 1996, Jesus called home one of his very special people, Mrs. Jeanne Allard. I've known Jeanne for eight years and we've become very close. She was my adoptive grandmother, I'd always say.

In the beginning of our friendship, she would tell me how difficult it was to be a widow. But she would always rally and say, "Keep on going, I don't give up."

Oh, the smile on her face when she would see the strawberry ice cream (her favorite) at the bottom of the bag. Her eyes would light up like a Christmas strobe every time I would drop by unexpectedly to share a snack with her.

When her health started failing, I would take her to all of her doctor's appointments. I'd call her several times a week to check on her, and she would say, "Keep on going, I don't give up." You see, Jeanne had cancer for quite some time but chose to let her "Jesus, heal me or take me home."

After a short stay at Baystate in April, Jeanne decided she wanted to go home and remain in familiar surroundings until the end. As each day passed, I watched her fight the big fight with such grace and dignity. She would constantly remind me, "Keep on going, I don't give up."

I would style her hair (as I did every Friday for many years), hold her hand, sing to her, and pray with her. I wanted her to know she was loved. Her last two weeks were extremely difficult to watch, but through it all I'd say, "Jeanne, you're a bigger woman than me. You are so brave and so strong, and I'm so proud to have known you. May your Jesus end all of your suffering and take you home to your husband and daughter soon."

Well, he did on Mother's Day. How appropriate. I sat with her that morning, I fixed her hair (and she smiled), and I held her hand one last time. I could feel her slipping away from me, and all I could hear was, "Keep on going, I don't give up."

God bless you, Jeanne, rest in peace, and I promise I will "Keep on going, I'll never give up."

Fondly remembered,  
Debra S. Curtis  
Agawam

## Councilors Thanked For Move On Council President

## To The Editor:

Despite the disappointing results of the May 10th meeting, it pleases me to note that we may finally have our City Council back at long last.

I would like to thank especially Messrs. Caba, Langone, Ennis, and Suffriti for consistently voting on the side of moral right and social responsibility. Thank you for being whiggamores!

Sincerely,  
Owen Broadhurst  
Agawam

## Town Should Get Priorities In Line Regarding Power Plant

## To The Editor:

It's high time the town of Agawam gets its priorities in line regarding the Berkshire Power project.

I'm not quite sure where I stand on the project. It's been a long time since any physical aspects of the project have been discussed. Oh sure, in-lieu-of-tax payments, the permitting process, and some of the other topics that have been the subject of discussion lately are all very important issues. I feel that the citizens and the political leaders of Agawam need to put their emotions aside, take a few steps back, and take a common sense approach to this issue.

First off, let's get a few facts straight. Berkshire Power is not a utility. They don't produce energy of any type. Berkshire Power is a group whose sole function is to come into communities and do whatever is necessary to get a power plant built. At this point, the power plant is then sold off to a producer of energy.

Mind you, this doesn't necessarily make Berkshire Power a bad company, but it is important that you understand exactly what their function is. Secondly, these people are big-time, high-powered lobbyists. Make no mistake. These people know exactly what they are doing every step of the way. So far, they have played Agawam like a fiddle. We've lined up like a bunch of local yahoos looking to buy some snake oil.

The town of Agawam needs to decide if we want this power plant and if so, how much money will it take to make it worth our while. As a citizen of Agawam, I am highly insulted by the behavior

of our Mayor. Mr. Johnson has not acted in the best interest of our town. From the very inception of this project, he has been completely signed up to whatever Berkshire Power has presented to the town. It is his duty as Mayor to act as the primary negotiator for the town.

Anytime someone questions the value of the Berkshire Power proposal, the Mayor immediately rushes to their defense, instead of taking an objective look at whatever issues come up. The Mayor has been acting as an agent of Berkshire Power from day one. A person can only wonder what type of back-room bargaining took place before this project was announced with our Mayor's unconditional endorsement.

Remember when a group of citizens wanted to place this issue on the ballot as a referendum? The previous Town Council took care of that rather handily. I can remember Berkshire Power's response to the citizens asking for the referendum: "Let the permitting process address your concerns." We were assured that the permitting process would effectively address all of our concerns. Well, their permit was denied and now Berkshire Power is suing our town. So much for the permitting process.

"In-lieu-of-taxes." This term has been kicked around quite a bit lately. I like the way the folks at Berkshire Power threaten us with their applying for manufacturer's status and only paying a small percentage of what we should receive as an in-lieu-of-tax payment.

These people are in business for one reason and one reason only—to make money. If they thought for one minute that they could get manufacturer's status and avoid paying all that extra money, the in-lieu-of-tax offer would have never been made. These people know exactly what they are doing by offering an in-lieu-of-tax proposal—saving themselves a fortune over the life of this power plant.

I challenge Mayor Johnson to take the side of Agawam, not Berkshire Power, and take an objective look at the entire proposal. It very well may be that the Berkshire Power proposal would be beneficial to Agawam. Let's take an intelligent approach to the whole project to be sure that we are getting everything we can. We should contract with whatever individuals we need to provide us with the information we need to make an educated decision on the in-lieu-of-tax proposal.

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## Post Office Again Involved In Food Collection



AGAWAM LETTER CARRIER Maxine Kent delivers mail and collects food at a residence on Elm Street on May 11th as the Post Office again participated in a food drive for the poor.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



LETTER CARRIERS from the Agawam Post Office again participated in a food drive on Saturday, May 11th. From left - Fred Harpin, Ed Landry, Michael Barile and Lupe Barile.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

### FireWise...

by Fire Chief David Pisano  
Move Your Can!

Do you know that a gallon of gasoline can be as dangerous as 14 sticks of dynamite? There are all types of flammable liquids that we keep around our homes. If they are stored and used properly, accidents can be avoided.

The Agawam Fire Department suggests using containers or "safety cans" that are approved by Factory Mutual or Underwriters Laboratories for storage.

Keep gasoline and kerosene stored outside the house from sources of ignition. Use solvents designed for cleaning instead of gasoline, and when refueling any small engine, turn it off, allow it to cool, and extinguish all smoking materials.

If you have gasoline or kerosene stored in your home, move your can ... for the safety of you and your family.

For further information, contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662.

## Household Hazardous Waste Collection Being Held By Town On Saturday, June 8th

The Town of Agawam announces that a "Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day" has been scheduled for Saturday, June 8, 1996 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. BY APPOINTMENT ONLY!

The location will be the Agawam High School parking lot on Cooper Street. Proof of Agawam residency will be required.

Each household will be limited to a quantity of waste equal to 15 gallons liquid or 20 pounds solid.

#### WHAT DO I BRING?

**From the house:** Rubber cement, photo chemicals, furniture polish, oven cleaner, drain/toilet cleaners, rug/upholstery cleaner.

**From the garage:** Gasoline/kerosene, antifreeze, engine degreaser, car wax/polish, driveway sealers, roofing tar.

**From the workbench:** oil/latex paints,

stains/varnishes, wood preservative, paint stripper/thinner, aerosol cans, adhesives.

**From the yard:** insecticides/fungicides, chemical fertilizers, weed killers, flea control products, no-pest strips, pool chemicals.

#### WHAT NOT TO BRING!

Empty containers, commercially generated wastes, radioactive wastes/smoke detectors, biological wastes, explosives/ammunition, prescription medicines/syringes.

(Motor oil, however, can be brought to the town's DPW Garage, 1347 Main Street, Agawam, Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.)

To pre-register for the "Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day" on Saturday, June 8, 1996, call the town's Health Department at 786-0400, ext. 207.

### LETTERS - from Page 5...

Has the Mayor checked with other towns in New England that have power plants to find out how much tax revenue is generated, and if those power plants have been successful in obtaining the manufacturer's status that Berkshire Power keeps holding over our heads?

This would be valuable information to have when negotiating with Berkshire Power. The key word there is "negotiate," not "force upon the townspeople."

Todd Peetros  
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"Booker, our three-year-old Bearded Collie, has been shown since he was nine months old. With scores of blue ribbons, he's earned the rank of Champion and he's Sandy's pride and joy. Booker's niece Brianna is coming up fast. She has Champion potential and we have high hopes for her. Sandy started to show Nana B., as we call her, this spring.

Sandy raises the dogs; I manage the store. In the past, I did business with many banks and, frankly, I find that big banks charge big fees. And everything is a big deal, even routine things. My feeling is that banking should be no big deal. It should be uneventful.

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## UNICO Noted



DURING THE WEEKENDS of May 3rd/4th and 10th/11th, UNICO members (dressed in their aprons and straw hats) greeted townspeople with their lollipops at various shopping locations in the community. Above, receiving a town proclamation from Mayor Christopher C. Johnson are members Albino V. DallaPegorara and Dennis Marchetto. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## IRS's "TeleTax" Can Check The Status Of Your Tax Refund

Wondering where your refund is? Has it been more than eight weeks since you filed your paper tax return, or four weeks if it was filed electronically?

If you answered "yes" to either of these questions, why not call the IRS's TeleTax System (Automated Refund Information) at 1-800-829-4477. To check the status of your refund, have a copy of your 1995 tax return available for the following information:

- \* The first Social Security Number shown on the return.
- \* The filing status.
- \* The exact whole dollar amount of your refund.

Follow the recorded TeleTax instructions to enter this information on your telephone's alphanumeric keypad. The refund information is updated once a week each Friday, so it's best to wait seven days before calling back to check again.

What if TeleTax indicated that your refund has been delayed? "Refund delays may be caused by a variety of reasons. A common one is that the Social Security Number and name do not 'match.' The last name and the Social Security Number of the taxpayer—as well as any dependent's—must match the Social Security Administration's records or the return will be delayed in processing," said Francine Crowley, IRS District Director.

Taxpayers whose returns require additional Social Security information will be sent a notice of verification, which must be filled out and returned to the IRS Service Center. Once accurate information is received, the IRS will continue processing the return and mail the refund check.

### Armand Gellneau

The funeral of Armand ("Fats Daniels") Gellneau, 80, of 40 Dartmouth St., Agawam, a longtime musician, conductor, and vocalist was held at Colonial Funeral Home and St. John the Evangelist Church. He died recently at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield. The burial was in Center Cemetery.

He played the saxophone and clarinet with bands in Holyoke, and had a stint in the orchestra pit at the former Holyoke Opera House. He performed with local groups, including the Ross Nelson Band, and went on the road with Henry Giangini and jazz violinist Joe Venuti. After playing at several hotels with his own group in the early 1940's, he joined Glen Gray and his Casa Loma Orchestra in 1944, and stayed for six years.

His later musical assignments were with such famous jazz artists as Jack Teagarden, Bobby Hackett, Red Nichols, Miff Mole, Herb Ellis, and Mugsy Spanier. He also played in theaters across the country for such headliners as the Andrews Sisters, Danny Kaye, Jerry Lewis, Jane Froman, Connie Boswell, Billy Gilbert, Patricia Morison, Andy Russell, and Janet Blair.

He was married to Inez C. (Cataldo) Gellneau, a vocalist with his band. His band played at The Oaks Inn in Agawam, the former Terrace Dining Room at Bradley International Airport, Windsor Locks, CT, and the Collegian Court in Chicopee.

Besides his wife, he leaves a stepdaughter, Jacqueline Saunders of New York state.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Open Pantry, 1023 Main St., West Springfield, 01089.

### Michael R. Morassi

Michael Robert Morassi, 69, of 18 Frank St., Agawam, a 25-year machinist at Hamilton Standard Division of United Technologies Corp. in Windsor Locks, Connecticut, died at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

He retired in 1992. A lifelong resident, he was an Army veteran of the Korean War, and belonged to the Knights of Columbus in West Springfield and Chapter II of the Golden Age Club here.

He leaves his wife, the former Mary M. Wright; two sons, Michael J. of East Windsor, Conn., and Robert P. of Agawam; four brothers, Alphonse of West Springfield, Edward and John of Agawam, and Salvatore of Feeding Hills; a sister, Anna Krolicki of Feeding Hills, and a granddaughter, Ashley E. Davis-Morassi of East Granby.

The funeral was at Colonial Funeral Home and St. John the Evangelist Church, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church at 823 Main St., Agawam, MA 01001, or the Pioneer Valley Hospice, P.O. Box 9058, Springfield, MA 01102-9058.

#### LEGAL NOTICE

#### PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF AGAWAM

In accordance with Article 8, Section 8-1(b) of the Agawam Town Charter, the Agawam Town Council will conduct a public hearing on Monday, June 3, 1996 at 7:30 P.M. at the Agawam Middle School, 68 Main Street, Agawam, MA in regards to a request that the Agawam Town Council place on its agenda and to conduct a public hearing and vote on proposed payment in lieu of tax agreement.

Ursula Retzler  
Clerk of the Council

Published: May 23, 1996

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#### TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, June 6, 1996 at 7:15 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of David Ladizki for a Revision to the Definitive Subdivision Plan of Calico Lane, Centerwood Meadows. The proposed revision is to allow for a waiver of sidewalks on one side of the road.

By Order of Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman  
Agawam Planning Board

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## COUNCIL PRESIDENT - from Page 1...

Councilor Christian Quatrone said the majority of the people agree with the outcome of the May 10th special meeting when a move to rescind Ms. Thompson's election as president failed.

"We took this up at special meetings back to back when the council president couldn't vote. It was defeated. From council meeting to council meeting are we going to take this up and embarrass ourselves in front of everyone?" Quatrone asked.

Caba said he believed the vote to rescind had carried at the special meeting and Ms. Thompson should not be chairing the meeting.

"If she had stepped down honorably when requested by Councilor Suffriti, this turmoil wouldn't be taking place," Caba said.

Ennis charged that councilors who disagree with the minority of the council are subjected to an all-out political attack.

Ennis said, "What we have is anarchy, not a democracy. When six members lose faith in the leadership, you take a vote—that's how the system works. But if you disagree with the minority, you're wrong in this community."

Suffriti said when some people don't get their way, they deem it politics as usual or the old boys network. "You may not agree with what I have to say, but it's easy to throw out those words all the time."

## Public Expresses Support For Ms. Thompson...

Ms. Thompson said she is getting overwhelming support from the public for the way she has conducted the council meetings.

"Without exception, everyone who has called or has spoken to me in public has been supportive," Ms. Thompson said. "I went into public service with the best intentions, but this is really sad. It's not the issues that are dividing the council, it's the bickering and the confrontational attitudes."

## Genealogical Society To Meet June 3rd

Members and friends of the Western Massachusetts Genealogical Society will convene at Old Storowton Tavern, West Springfield, Monday evening, June 3rd, for a Social Hour at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 7:00.

Choices of menu are boneless breast of chicken, roast sirloin of beef, and baked scrod at \$18.50 per person. Reservations, with check and menu choice, may be mailed to be received no later than May 29th, to WMGS, P.O. Box 80206, Springfield, MA 01138-0206.

## State Senate Budget Includes Funding For Renovations Of Three Agawam Schools

Senate Assistant Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) has announced the favorable and recent approval of the Massachusetts Senate Ways & Means FY '97 budget, which grants approval for the renovations of three Agawam elementary schools.

"We have produced a balanced budget with no additional taxes, providing services in a fair and equitable manner," Melconian said. Melconian applauded the increased funding for higher education and human services "in an era when funding for these valuable and critical services are often not priorities."

Three Agawam elementary schools—Phelps, Clark, and Granger—were given approval to begin renovation to their buildings thanks to a five-year extension in the School Building Assistance Board advocated by Melconian. "Bridge Financing" was extended from three to five years, enabling communities to pay back only the interest on notes over five years.

"Agawam will be able to make substantial renovations to many of their school buildings," Melconian said. "The SBAB is a valuable resource in improving the quality of the schools our children attend."

Education continues to be an important priority of Melconian. The budget completely funds the Education Reform Act, and the Agawam School District is fully funded. Higher education funding increased by 8.3 percent, which is good news for local colleges like Springfield Technical and Holyoke Community College, Westfield State, and UMASS-Amherst.

"I think it was always clear that this legislative body was going to make education an important policy," Melconian said.

"President Birmingham was a leader and sponsor of Education Reform, and he is committed to providing proper funding to ensure that the state's future generation is well-educated."

The biggest initiative in the Ways & Means budget is the Child Protection Initiative dealing with the state foster care system.

Under the plan, efforts and funds for foster care recruitment and retention would increase, as would monies for hiring additional Department of Social Services attorneys to lower juvenile court caseloads. The program would also establish "Bridge Homes" throughout the commonwealth to provide a stable environment for children awaiting foster placement.

Day-care and respite for foster parents would be provided to encourage rather than discourage working families from entering the foster care system. Although the reform in the foster care system and DSS is the major initiative in the FY '97 budget, the Ways & Means budget includes funding for a substantial number of other human services programs.

Early intervention programs for disabled children ages 12 and under and long overdue pay increases for low-income, direct-care workers are funded. The fight against AIDS and substance abuse has received additional assistance, while other human service programs, including Our Babies/Our Future, are funded at 1996 levels.

"The Senate has shown a commitment to funding needed social programs without substantially weakening us in other critical areas," Melconian said.

Of course, Melconian was able to push several local programs that were not in the House budget. The Senate earmarked \$200,000 for the Western Massachusetts Criminal Laboratory at the Agawam Criminal Justice Training Council. The lab is critical in providing a Western Mass site for the analysis of evidence in criminal cases.

Melconian also secured \$15,000 for the Massachusetts Senior Games held each year at Springfield College. The games attract seniors from all across the state, and provide a valuable and fun attraction for the area.

Hampden County is included in the part-time trial court drop-in day-care program with funds transferred from the DSS. Those using the court buildings, including those in trial court and on jury duty, will be able to use the day-care facilities for their children.

**OUR OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ALL DAY on Memorial Day, Monday, May 27th. We will reopen at 6:30 a.m. on Tuesday.**

## Dig, plant, water. Repeat

Memorial Day weekend is the perfect time to spend in your garden—nothing but three days of (hopefully) blue skies and sunshine. Just you, some seedlings, and a whole lotta dirt.

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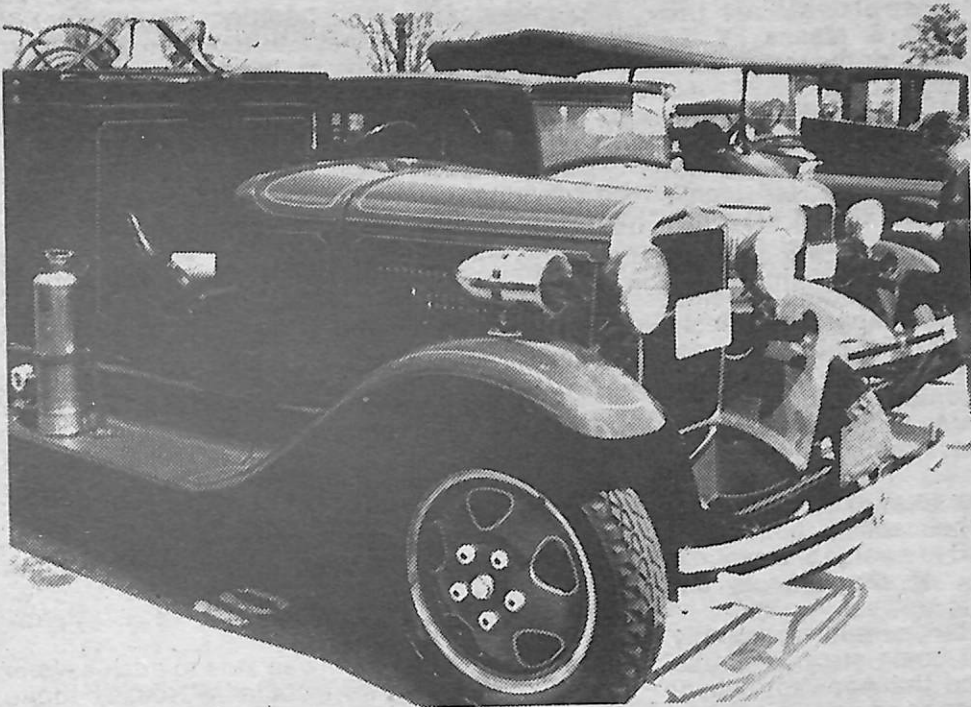
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## Families

### Lions Club Holds Annual Antique Car Show



THE AGAWAM LIONS CLUB recently held their Annual Antique Car Show in the High School parking lot. Above, the 1930 Ford is owned by Russ & Joan Jenks of Feeding Hills; IN PHOTO RIGHT, Bob Marsh shows off a 1964 Chevy SS. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



AT THE ANNUAL AGAWAM LIONS CLUB Antique Car Show at the Agawam High parking lot, Lioness members Janet Gallerani and Lillian Doyle were helping with the bake sale; IN PHOTO RIGHT, Lions Club officers pictured are Joy Guy, 2nd vice-president; Anthony Bonavita, president; Joe Bianca, past president; Ray Olson, 1st vice-president; and Bob Loomis, 3rd vice-president. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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## Jody Petrangelo Bride Of Kevin Zomek At St. Patrick's Church

Jody Petrangelo and Kevin Zomek were recently joined in marriage at St. Patrick's Church in Chicopee.

The bride is the daughter of Ann and Leonard Petrangelo of Agawam. Parents of the bridegroom are Dorcas and David Zomek of Southwick.

Attending the bride as matron of honor was her cousin, Stephanie Liebel. Richard Devine served the bridegroom as best man.

The bride is a 1989 graduate of Agawam High School and a 1991 graduate of Endicott College in Beverly, MA.

Her husband is a 1986 graduate of Southwick High School and is presently attending Porter and Chester Institute for Architectural C.T.D.D. in Enfield, CT.

## Elizabeth Deliso & James Clement Have Baby Daughter, Olivia

Elizabeth Deliso and James Clement of Perkinsville, Vermont, announce the birth of their daughter, Olivia Louise Clement, on April 29, 1996.

They also have a son, Samuel Benjamin, who is three years-old.

The proud grandparents are Sylvia and Benjamin Deliso of Agawam, and Shirley and David Clement of Framingham, MA, and formerly of Agawam.

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## Cub Scout Pack 77 To Conduct Bottle Drive

A bottle drive to benefit Cub Scout Pack 77 will take place on June 8, 1996, so please start saving your MA redeemable bottles and cans now for this upcoming event.

Simply place your redeemable bottles and cans in a bag and someone from the Pack will come to pick them up, or you may place them at the end of your driveway on the evening of June 7th by 6:00 p.m. for pick-up.

Please call 786-3561 and leave your address so arrangements can be made to pick up your bottles and cans.

You can also drop off your bottles and cans on June 8th between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. in front of St. John's hall, 843 Main Street, Agawam.

Thank you for supporting Cub Scout Pack 77!

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## Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

**Monday, May 27th:** Senior Center closed (Memorial Day).

**Tuesday, May 28th:** Cold plate—Chicken salad, pasta salad, egg, cucumber, rolls, apple.

**Wednesday, May 29th:** French meat pie, mashed potatoes, pickled beets, bread, tapioca.

**Thursday, May 30th:** Vegetable quiche, stuffed potato, salad, wheat bread, blueberry cake.

**Friday, May 31st:** Juice, baked macaroni & cheese, stewed tomatoes, bread.

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## Agawam Lioness Install Officers For 1996-1997



**NEW DIRECTORS** of the Agawam Lioness Club who were installed earlier this month include, from left - Gail Brittain, hair puller; and Ann Jakobek, Elaine Taupier, and Cindy Porowski. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

### Town Residents Win Prizes At Annual "Lucky Duck" Race

James Warnock and Ernest Walters, both of Agawam, were the third and fourth place winners, respectively, in Baystate Health Systems' seventh annual Lucky Duck Race held May 11th.

Warnock's "lucky duck" brought him a \$2,500 Savings Bond donated by Western Massachusetts Wendy's Restaurants, and Walters' prize-winning duck garnered him a one carat heart-shaped diamond necklace, donated by Hannoush Jewelers.

Doing a new dance called the "Duck Slide," Baystate's Lucky Duck skated out onto the ice at the Springfield Civic Center on Saturday, May 11th at 1:00 p.m. and randomly selected 12 winners in this year's Lucky Duck Race.



**OUTGOING AGAWAM LIONESS PRESIDENT** Elaine Taupier (left) hands over the gavel to Rosemarie Maniscalco and Marsha Finck, the two co-presidents for the 1996-1997 club year. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**NEW OFFICERS OF THE AGAWAM LIONESS CLUB** for 1996-1997 include, from left - Rosemarie Maniscalco, co-president; Marsha Finck, co-president; Alice Olson, 1st vice-president; Marianne Campbell, 2nd vice-president; Shirley Shea, secretary; and Patricia Lalancette, treasurer. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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## Agawam Golden Agers Club, Chapter 1, Installs New Officers

The Installation Banquet of the Agawam Golden Agers Club, Chapter 1, was held April 24th at the Storowton Carriage House in West Springfield.

Edward Organek did the honor of installing the following new officers, with Sophie Rinaldi assisting.

President, Mary DelNegro; Vice-President, Jeannette Dore; Recording Secretary, Louise Balboni; Corresponding Secretary, Florida Tangocci; Treasurer, Dolores Gatti; and Chaplain, Evelyn O'Melia.

Rose Paro and Loretta Wright were Ticket Chairmen, and Eva DeGrandpre was the Table Arrangement Hostess.

The musical program performed by the Wilbraham Women's Club Choir Group was presented by Cecilia Rebecchi, Program Chairman. It was enlightening and enjoyable as they took us down memory lane.



**OUTGOING GOLDEN AGE CLUB Chapter 1 President Evelyn O'Melia hands the gavel to incoming President Mary DelNegro.**

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**IN TOP PHOTO, outgoing officers of the Agawam Golden Age Club (Chapter 1) include, from left - Evelyn O'Melia, president; Dolores Gatti, vice-president; Louise Balboni, recording secretary; Florida Tangocci, corresponding secretary; and Mary DelNegro, chaplain. IN PHOTO BELOW, new officers are Dolores Gatti, treasurer; Jeannette Dore, vice-president; Mary DelNegro, president; Louise Balboni, recording secretary; Florida Tangocci, corresponding secretary; and Evelyn O'Melia, chaplain.**



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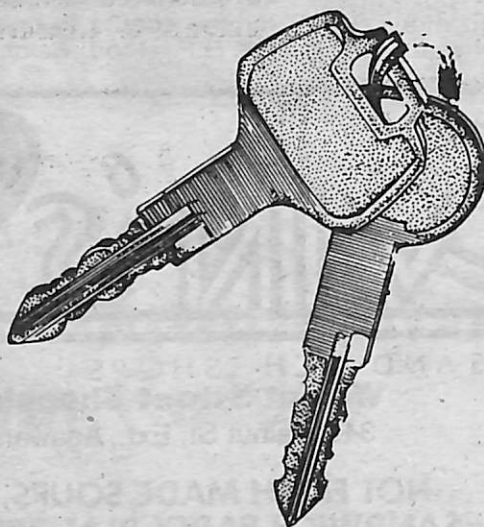
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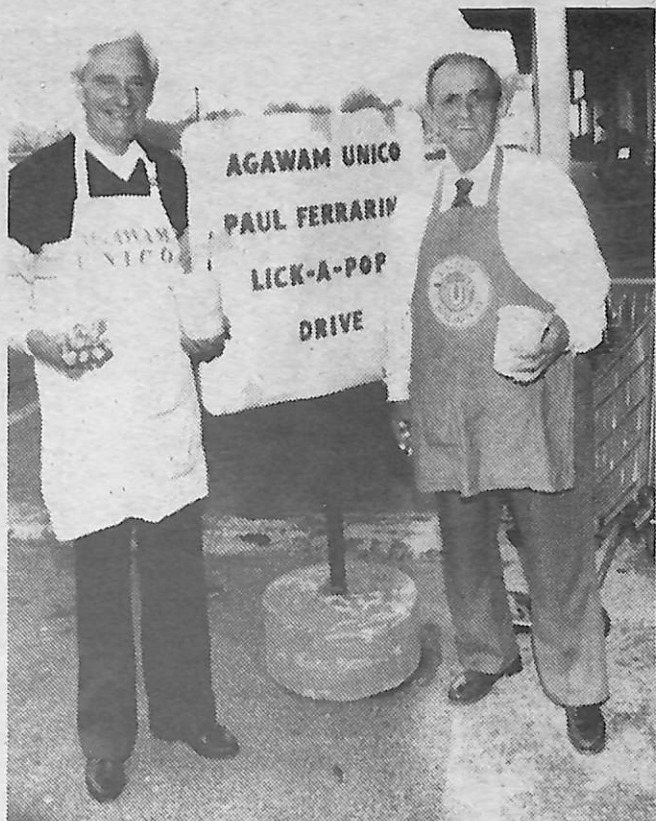
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## Pops For UNICO



AGAWAM UNICO MEMBERS Bruno Maule (left) and Thomas Coppola were in front of the Agawam FoodMart recently collecting donations for the club's Annual "Lick-A-Pop" campaign. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Cub Scout Pack 85 Holds Annual Blue & Gold Banquet

On May 19th, Cub Scout Pack 85 held its annual Blue and Gold Banquet at the Agawam Methodist Church. Sixteen scouts advanced in ranks from Tiger cubs to Wolf Scouts, Bear Scouts to first year WEBELOS, and first year WEBELOS to second year WEBELOS.

We would like to thank Mrs. Grace Parrott, who helped make this year's celebration a success. We would also like to thank our corporate sponsors: Stop & Shop; DeCaro's Landscaping; Mitch's Nursery; E. Cecchi Farms; Fini's Plant Farm; Casa Di Lisa Restaurant; Take Five Restaurant; Add Luv Flower Shop; E.B.'s Specialty Chicken; Country Flower and Gifts; H.P. Hood; the Agawam Call Firefighters Assoc.; and the Connecticut Air National Guard.

Without the help of these organizations, we wouldn't have had such a successful year.

## Proclamations Given At Heritage Hall



IN HONOR OF NURSING HOME WEEK, residents of Heritage Hall Nursing Home were given proclamations from the town. Residents with their proclamations were (from left) Jean Carnevale, Rose Garneau, and Betty Piersanti. Heritage Hall officials pictured were, from left - Rosemary Case, East Building administrator; Julie Ely, West Building administrator; Jeffrey Heinze, South Building administrator; resident Mary-Jean Ziemba, and Regina Bossig, North Building administrator. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Ag. Scouts From Pack 85, Troop 82, & Post 13 Begin Summer Projects Of Cleaning Parks

Members of the Boy Scouts of America from Pack 85 and Troop 82 and Explorer Post 13 from Agawam, along with members of Pack 118 from Southwick, have started a summer-long project of cleaning and preserving town-owned parks.

May 4th and 5th was the beginning of the project starting at Perry Lane Park, where the scouts removed 55-gal. drums, refrigerators, and assorted other metal objects and tires.

Approximately 30 acres of the park were cleaned in preparation of boys working on Eagle Scout projects beginning the serious work of clearing old hiking trails and building new ones and building bridges to help allow town residents and visitors who are physically challenged the ability to enjoy the interior of the park.

Along with town departments, local businesses have donated their services or products in order for the scouts to complete these projects. They are H.P. Hood, Reinhardt Associates architects,

Oleksak Lumber of Westfield, New England Wholesale Lumber of East Longmeadow, and Connecticut Valley Concrete Prod. of West Springfield. The Boy Scouts ask that those who have the time or talents who would like to help, please contact Gary Parrott from Pack 85 at 789-9342.

Starting in June, Troop 78 of Agawam will be joining in the project, the Eagle Scout projects will be done by members of Troop 78.

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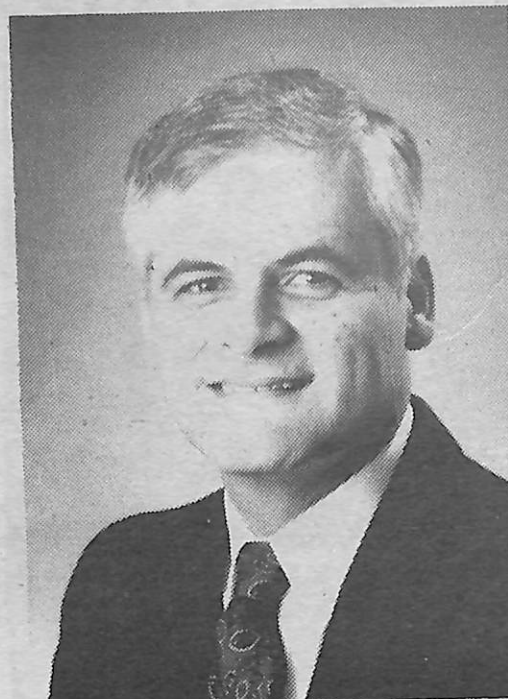
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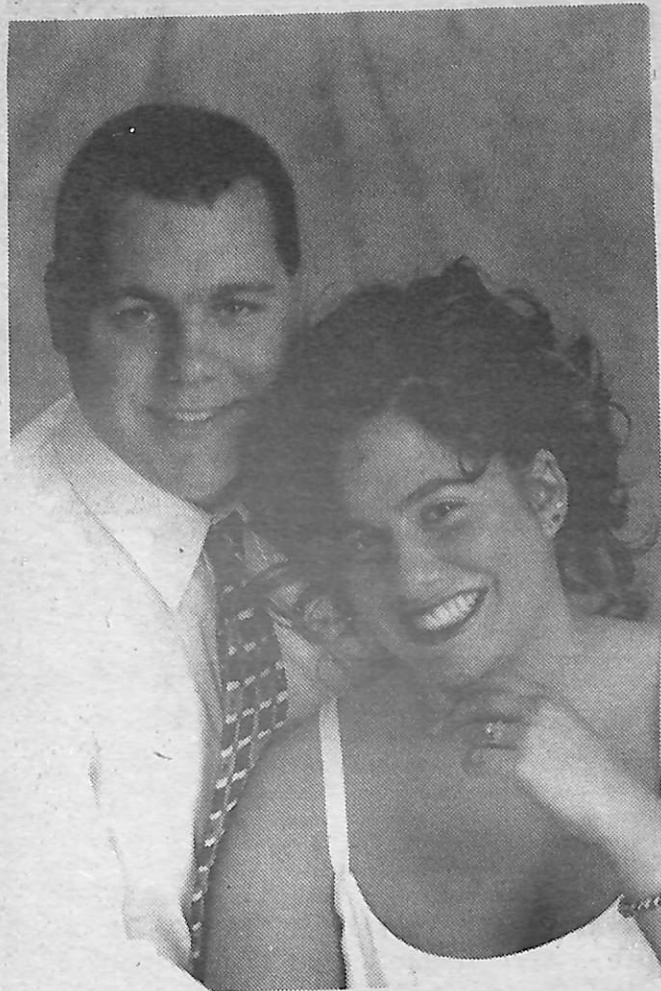
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SARA JEAN CELLILLI &amp; ROBERT A. DESILETS

## Sara Jean Cellilli Engaged To Wed Robert A. Desilets

Mr. Vincent Cellilli of Joanne Circle, Feeding Hills, has announced the engagement of his daughter, Sara Jean, to Robert Andrew Desilets, Jr.

Sara graduated from Agawam High School and currently attends Holyoke Community College. She is employed by Old Navy Clothing Co., West Springfield.

Robert is the son of Pamela and Robert Desilets, Sr. of Maynard Street, Feeding Hills.

Robert is also a graduate of Agawam High School. He is employed by the Sheraton Bradley, Windsor Locks, Connecticut.

The couple will marry on April 25, 1998.

## Jr. Women's Club Promises Best Ever June Craft Fair

The Agawam Junior Women's Club's 22nd Annual Arts & Crafts Festival promises to be better than ever before with a wonderful selection of artisans and crafters from near and far.

The fair is scheduled for Saturday, June 1st, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Featured will be a wide variety of items, including museum-quality Native American arts and crafts, handpainted stoneware, paintings, unique jewelry, woodcrafts, hand-painted clothing, etc. Come see the selection of high-quality crafts!

The festival will be held on the grounds of the Captain Charles Leonard House at 663 Main Street in Agawam. The show will be juried and feature 80 to 100 exhibitors.

Admission is free and all proceeds benefit the AJWC Scholarship Fund. A raffle of items donated by crafters will be held in conjunction with the festival. Winners need not be present to win.

Tours of the historic Captain Charles Leonard House will also be available. A Youth Art Exhibit will be on display inside the Leonard House as well.

For more information, call Margaret at 786-2651 or Patti at 786-6491.



ASGA (Agawam Senior Games Athletes) will hold a Car Wash/Tag Sale at the Agawam Senior Center on Saturday, June 1, 1996 from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Come one, come all!!

Donations of sale items are being sought for the tag sale.

For further information or to donate items, call Angelo Pumbo at 786-5648 or Vi Presz at 786-3164.

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## Melha Shriners Slate Annual Car Show

This year's Melha Vintage Autos 16th Annual Antique and Collector Car Show will be held on June 9th on the plush grassy field at the Elks Lodge on Morgan Road in West Springfield.

Gates open at 8:00 a.m. with hot coffee and breakfast being served at the Elks Pavillion. For those spectators who are not familiar with the Greater Springfield Area, the Elks Lodge is just minutes from Exit 4 off the Mass. Pike, Route 5 south, or take the Riverdale Road Route 5 south exit off Interstate 91.

There will be plenty of signs to mark the way. The rain date for this event is Sunday, June 16th.

This show has grown over the last 15 years and is known as a family oriented event where you can bring your children to see some of the best show cars in New England. There will be a lot of antique vehicles at the show, but there will also be STREET RODS, MUSCLE CARS, CLASSICS, ANTIQUE TRUCKS, ANTIQUE MOTORCYCLES, AND SPECIAL INTEREST VEHICLES.

Food and beverages will be sold at the Elks Pavillion all day long, raffles for a two-tier toolbox, and a child's motorized jeep will be held by the Shriners Vintage Auto Unit, and vendors selling auto parts will be a few of the things going on during the course of the day.

This year's president of the Melha Vintage Auto Unit, Bob Colson, has put out the word that it's going to be a warm day on June 9th, so you should wear a hat to keep the sun off your head and bring your camera to take those pictures while you're looking back in time, when a car wasn't just a mode of transportation.

There will be 32 different classes for vehicles in the show this year with trophies being awarded to first, second, and third places in each class. Show car registration this year is still only \$8, which includes admission for all passengers in the show cars. There are expected to be around 400 vehicles at the show this year with dash plaques being handed out to the first 300 that register.

General Admission is \$3 per person, with children under 12 admitted free. All proceeds from this event are distributed at the discretion of The Melha Vintage Auto Unit. For more information, please contact Bob Colson at (203) 668-2468.

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AIRMAN JAMES WHEELER

## Airman James Wheeler Completes Training

Airman Basic James Wheeler, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Wheeler of Feeding Hills, recently completed basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

He is assigned to the 343rd Training Squadron and is attending Security Police Training School at Lackland.

## Marine Cpl. LaPlante Receives Service Medal

Marine Lance Cpl. Benjamin P. LaPlante, son of Karen L. Paro of 212 Beekman Drive, Agawam, recently received the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

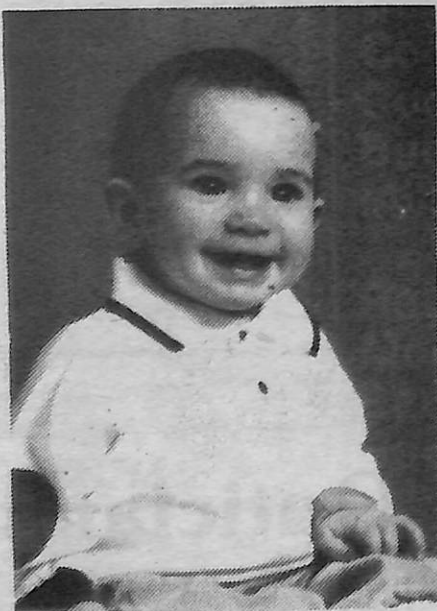
LaPlante was recognized for his outstanding achievement while serving as administrative clerk with Headquarters Battalion, 3rd Marine Division. LaPlante was singled out for the award because of his superb initiative and contribution in helping the command fulfill its mission.

With a Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, LaPlante joins a select group of men and women who have demonstrated their outstanding ability to excel in serving on the Navy-Marine Corps team. Whether assigned to ships, squadrons, or shore commands around the world, men and women like LaPlante are making a difference as they work to improve their knowledge and skill as part of the most highly technical naval force in history.

LaPlante currently serves with Marine Security Guard Battalion, Quantico, Virginia.

The 1990 graduate of Chicopee Comprehensive High School joined the Marine Corps in June 1994. LaPlante is a 1994 graduate of the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, with a BAS degree.

## Happy 1st Birthday, Vinnie



Love,  
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## Annual Memorial Service Conducted By Agawam Golden Age Club Chapter 2

President Louis Scherpa of Agawam Golden Age Club, Chapter 2, opened the Annual Memorial Service at the Agawam Senior Center on May 15th at 1:30 p.m. He called for a Salute to the Flag, followed by a prayer and an appropriate reading by club chaplain, Leanne Dion.

Chaplain Dion conducted a solemn reading of the names of eight club members who had died during the past year. As each name was read, she places a white carnation in a crystal vase, giving each person's date of joining the club and the time of death. Eleanor Toussaint, club musician, played hymns softly as background organ music during the Memorial Service.

Also read as part of the service were the names of family members and dear friends whose names were placed in the club Record Book of Memorials. Treasurer Ernest Swanson has the responsibility of accepting money memorial gifts to Chapter 2, placing the names in the Memorial

Book, and sending letters of acknowledgment to the family of the deceased person. All memorial gifts are used to purchase funeral flowers for Chapter 2 club members and to award Memorial Scholarships to deserving Agawam High School seniors.

President Louis Scherpa called the following students to the podium: Rebecca Wing, Alfred Albano, and Jennifer Clarke. He introduced each one, giving a brief history of accomplishments and asked Treasurer Swanson to award the Memorial Scholarship checks. All three students expressed thanks to the club members present, giving a short message relating to their future goals.

The Memorial Service was concluded with an appropriate musical program by talented members of the West Springfield Blue Ribbon Singers as directed by Mrs. Margaret Thomson.

## The Agawam Historical Association

thanks the patrons who contributed to our 3rd Annual House and Garden Tour to be held Saturday, June 1st, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

### Tickets may be purchased at the following locations:

Agawam Public Market - 768 Main Street; The Corner Deli Variety Shoppe - 664 Main Street; Mitch's Home & Garden Center - 1265 Suffield Street; and E. Cecchi Farm - 1109 Springfield Street

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## Grange Tag Sale



**COMMUNITY GRANGE MEMBERS** Pauline Sosnowich (left) and Naida King helped out with the Annual Tag & Bake Sale recently at the Grange home on North West Street in Feeding Hills. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Cub Scout Pack 78 (Den 3) Visits Home Depot



**FEEDING HILLS CUB SCOUT PACK 78 (Den 3)** members recently visited the Children's Workshop at Home Depot in West Springfield. The Scouts are pictured holding tool boxes they made at the workshop. Back row, from left - Connor Kelley, Andrew Kretschmar, John Lennon, and Andrew Drozdal. Front row - Stephen Smith, Joseph Reutt, Donald Manley, and Joseph McDyer.

## Historical Association Plans Annual Home-Garden Tour

The Agawam Historical Association's third annual House & Garden Tour will be held on Saturday, June 1st from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Ticket booklets (\$8) are on sale at the Agawam Public Market, 768 Main St.; the Corner Deli & Variety Shoppe, 664 Main St.; Mitch's Home & Garden Center, 1265 Suffield St.; and E. Cecchi Farm, 1109 Springfield Street.

The following homes will be on tour:

Harold & Marilyn Kane, 80 Howard St.; Abraham & Connie Kasparian, 161 School Street; The

Noble-Rosenberg House (built in 1715), 251 North West Street; and David & Jill Simpson, 24 Pleasant Valley Road.

The gardens that will be on display are Pamela Jacobsen's at 34 High Meadow Road (guided tours at 12:00 noon and 2:00 p.m.), and Rainbow Newmoon Shootingstar-Walker's Native American Woodlands Gardens at 36 Woodcock Court (guided tour from 10:00-11:45 a.m.).

A map is provided within the ticket booklet. Refreshments will be available and ticket

booklets are on sale throughout the day on June 1st at the Agawam Baptist Church, Main Street.

Ticket booklets will also be available that day at each of the places on the tour.

Please come and join us for this very interesting tour of homes and gardens.

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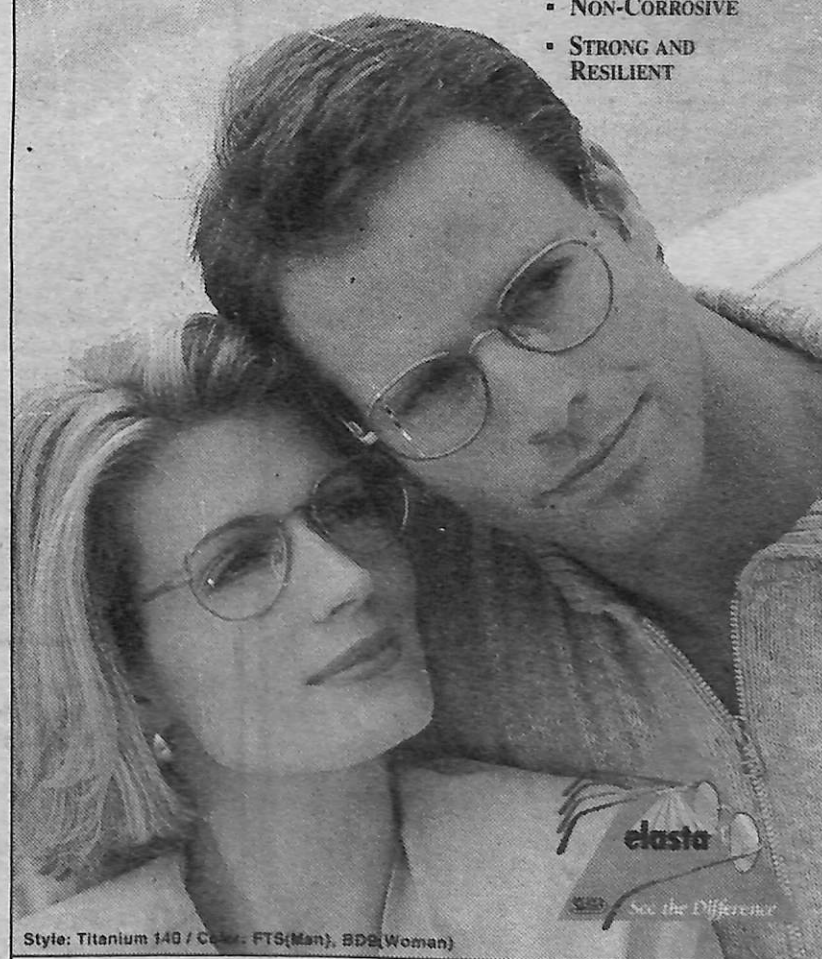
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# Church News

## Pancake Breakfast At F.H. Congregational Church



REVEREND ROB DONALDSON was the main guy in the kitchen at the recent Pancake Breakfast at Feeding Hills Congregational Church. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Valley Community Church To Join In "March For Jesus"

Members of Valley Community Church have their walking shoes ready as they prepare to join in the "March For Jesus" on Saturday, June 1st. The "March For Jesus" is a world-wide Christian organization whose sole purpose is to unite Christians across the world one day a year in lifting up the name of Jesus Christ.

The march will proceed down State Street in Springfield to Court Square, where a giant rally of songs and prayer will take place.

The members of Valley Community Church are excited to be joining with the millions of Christians around the world who will be participating in the march.



HELPING TO PREPARE MUFFINS at the recent Pancake Breakfast at the Feeding Hills Congregational included, from left - Joshua Traficante, Erik Nordstrom, Amanda Rozanski, and Stephanie Cox. IN PHOTO BELOW, Evelyn Vincelette, Betty Kopy, and Lois Granger enjoy their breakfasts. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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**Church News - continued...****Calendar Of Activities  
At St. David's Church**

JOIN THE PEOPLE OF ST. DAVID'S CHURCH AS THEY CELEBRATE MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND in worship services May 25th-26th.

The church offers a quiet, contemporary service at 5:00 p.m., and a dignified, traditional service Sunday at 8:00 a.m., both held at the church building, 522 Springfield Street in Feeding Hills.

The exuberant, renewal service at 10:00 a.m. is held at the Agawam Middle School, and features children's Sunday School for grades Pre-K through 8. There is also nursery care and interpretation for the deaf.

This week's message will look at the caring ministry of the Lord and His Church, in the light of how our heroes have given their lives for others, and in recognition of the power of the Holy Spirit poured out on Pentecost, remembered this Sunday.

ST. DAVID'S WILL TAKE PART IN THE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE on Monday in Agawam. Those wishing to march with us are invited to step in with us as we walk along, or to join us at the staging area at the Southworth Paper Co. parking lot.

**WATCH FOR ACTIVITY ON OUR LAND SITE** — 697 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, as we start construction on our new church building soon!

**TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE FOR** a Building Fundraising Supper on Saturday, June 15th, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., being held at the Italian Sporting Club in Agawam. Contact the Church Office at 786-6133 for tickets or further information.

**Memorial Day To Be  
Commemorated At  
Ag. United Methodist**

Scarcely is there a family nationwide who, in some way, is not touched by the mixed feelings that accompany Memorial Day.

There is the feeling of sadness that so many lives have been lost in the cause of war. So many homes have been saddened because a loved one did not return home.

On the other hand, there is the joy of knowing that these lives were also given in the cause of freedom, justice, dignity, and love.

Join the Agawam United Methodist Church on Sunday, May 26th, at 9:30 a.m. for worship, as we pray for veterans still with us today, and remember and honor those who have died in the service of their country and people.

Unlike former years, this year veterans from the Agawam Veterans Council, the Agawam Legion Post 185, and the VFW Post 1632 will be present. A representative will read the Scripture for the day, and the well-loved hymn "Eternal Father Strong To Save" will be sung.

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**Valley Community  
Welcomes 4 Members  
Into Congregation**

On Sunday, May 19th, Valley Community Church welcomed four new members into their congregation.

Joining the church family were Gary & Evelyn Winn, Betty Hebert, and Dan Cassidy. Betty and Dan are going to be married in the church during the month of June.

A Welcome Reception was held in Dunn Hall after the worship service. Valley Community Church members are excited with the growth and commitment that is abounding within the church.

Our Worship Service begins at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday. Sunday School and Nursery Care is also provided.

Valley Community Church is a non-denominational church located at 152 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills.

**St. John's Church  
Baptizes 8 Members  
Into Parish Family**

Father John Sheaffer, Parochial Vicar of St. John the Evangelist Church, has baptized eight new members into the parish community.

They are: Alexander Joseph Ablanitis, Melanie Marie Byrne, Caleigh Anne Caroleo, Matthew Michael Kelly, Allison Joan Little, Heather Kain Little, Michael Steven Rossi, and Monaha Michaela Soto.

The baptisms were performed during the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday.

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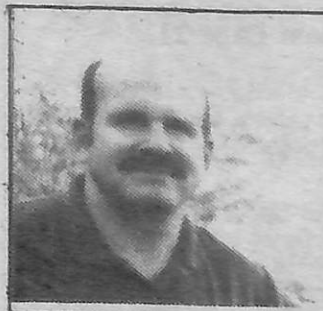
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## Reflections...

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## Why Do Christians Suffer?

Why do Christians suffer? Is suffering ever good? These are some of the questions which can truly trouble Christians.

Christians, who really understand God know that among God's many attributes, God is sovereign, meaning He really is in control of the events of our lives. To think otherwise is to go against one of the foundational truths of Holy Scripture.

If God is sovereign, why is it that His people suffer sometimes? Basically, there are three reasons why Christians suffer; Trials which test and strengthen our faith; Sin; or Common human struggles. Let's consider each case in turn.

Sometimes Christian suffer because God is using the unpleasant circumstances of our lives to make us into better people. For example, years ago a friend toured a Boeing factory near Seattle, Washington. Near the end of the tour, he observed a newly built airplane being tested in a huge wind tunnel. As the wind was turned up, the plane began to rock and shift. Then parts of the plane began to break loose and fall off. The visitors were stunned, but the tour guide explained that the plane's maker needed to find and fix the plane's weak spots, before they could allow it to fly with passengers. In a similar way, our Maker needs to find and fix our weak spots.

At other times, faith related suffering occurs because of persecution. Nobody likes to be persecuted, but if we are persecuted for being Christians, we can trust God to provide sufficient grace for our time of need. In either case, the Bible says that those who suffer according to God's

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## News From F.H. Congregational

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills.

Adult Bible Literacy class begins at 9:00 a.m., as does Sunday School for children.

This is Pentecost Sunday. A Service of Worship begins at 10:00 a.m. Rev. Donaldson's sermon at that time will be entitled, "The Answer Is Blowing In The Wind."

Children are welcome to join their parents in worship. Younger children may leave at the appointed time to work on a special activity with the Youth Director, Patsy Traficante. Nursery care will be provided as usual.

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This Sunday, May 26th, this church will participate in the Strengthen the Church Offering. This is a thank offering for the United Church of Christ.

This special offering supports the present-day Apostles who have been called by our church to gather God's diverse people into inclusive new and reinvigorated congregations. It also underwrites many of the programs and resources that nourish and empower our pastoral and lay leaders.

Today, as 2,000 years ago, the Holy Spirit calls us to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with a spiritually hungry world through our generous gifts.

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The Youth Group will not have their usually delicious monthly pancake breakfasts from now until the fall. The date, time, and menu will be published at that time.

## Sacred Heart Church Baptizes Four

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Please welcome into the Sacred Heart Church family the newly baptized of the parish: **Christopher Micheal Breault, Kelly Marie Theriault, Patrick James Curry, and Talla Cheyenne Johnson.**

Congratulations to their parents and families.

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The *Rosary for World Peace* is recited each Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the church. Please come and join us.

The Ladies Benevolent Society is sponsoring the annual Strawberry Supper and food sale on Saturday, June 15th. We are in need of helpers for the supper.

If you are interested in picking strawberries, cleaning strawberries, cleaning the kitchen, serving in the kitchen, waiting on tables (food is served family style), or donating baked goods to the food sale, please contact Lani Kretschmar or Bernice Burton on a Sunday morning before or after church, or the church office at 786-5061.

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Sign-up sheets have been posted for those wishing to work on or planning to attend Vacation Bible School. Please use them!

VBS will be held on June 30th, July 14th, and August 17th-18th. Adults are also welcome to attend. There is no fee, but donations are always welcome!

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Please note that Elaine will be off and the office will be closed on Friday, May 31st.

On the calendar this week:  
**Sunday, May 26th:** 9:00 a.m., Adult Bible Literacy/Sunday School; 10:00 a.m., Pentecost Sunday; Strengthen the Church Collection; 5:00 to 7:30 p.m., Crossroads Christian Fellowship.

**Monday, May 27th:** Memorial Day.  
**Tuesday, May 28th:** 7:00 p.m., A.A.; 7:30 p.m., Stewardship/Missions Committee.

**Wednesday, May 29th:** 2:30 p.m., Girl Scouts; 7:00 p.m., Choir.

**Friday, May 31st:** Rev. Donaldson's day off; Elaine off (office closed).

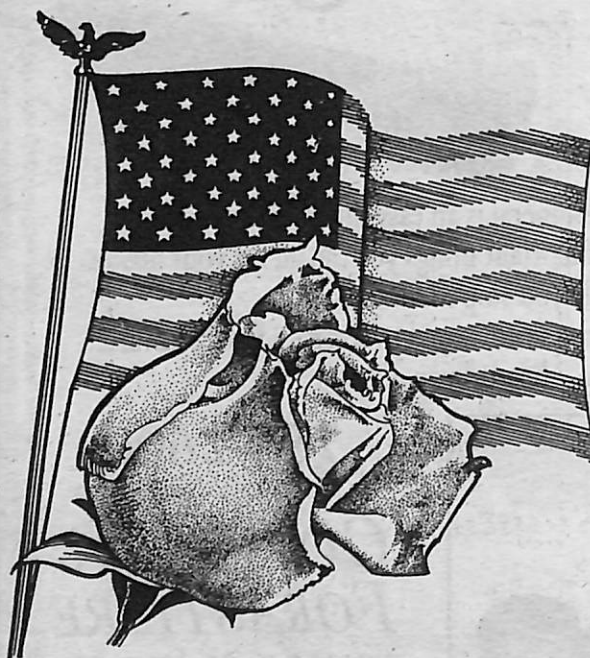
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The members of the parish welcome Girl Scout Troop No. 540 to Sacred Heart along with their leaders Geri D'Agostino and Joan Smith. The girls ended their year on May 22nd.  
It is a pleasure to have them with us.

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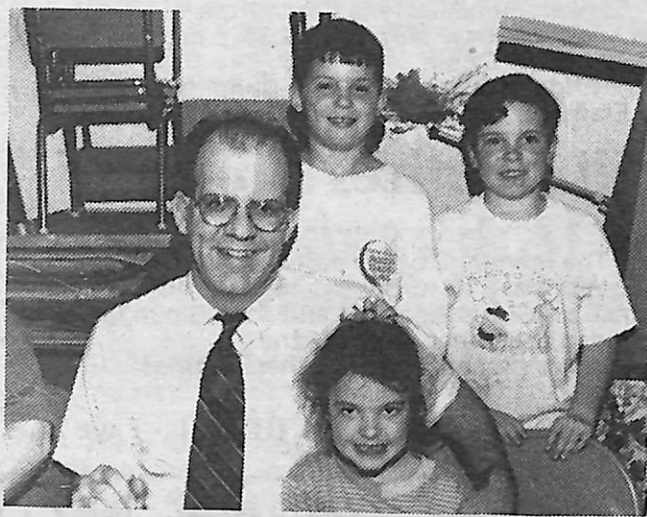


## Church News - continued...

## Church Supper



THE AGAWAM UNITED METHODIST Church held a supper recently. IN TOP PHOTO, little Douglas Telford is trying to catch his breath before tackling another plate of food; IN PHOTO BELOW, David Bishop attended the supper with the Henry Family - Kyle, Dana, and Meghan. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



## This Week's Events At First Baptist Church

"Ya Gotta Believe" will be the sermon topic this week at the 9:30 a.m. worship service at First Baptist Church. Pastor Richard Barnes will use 1 John 5: 10-13 as the scriptural text for his message.

Coffee and conversation will follow morning worship in Davis Hall.

Children's church meets from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. each Sunday from now until September. All children are invited to attend.

On our calendar this week:

**Tuesday, May 28th:** 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class; 4:30 p.m., our people serve at Loaves & Fishes in Springfield (meals for the homeless).

**Wednesday, May 29th:** 7:15 a.m., Mid-Week Prayer Time; 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Trading Post Open; 7:00 p.m., Bible Study (Parlor).

**Thursday, May 30th:** 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class; 7:30 p.m., Choir Rehearsal.

**Friday, May 31st:** time to be announced (Caring Connection will go miniature golfing; the Caring Connection contacts for the month of May are Janice Lock, 789-6476, and Mercy Barnes, 786-8399).

Sunday, June 2nd, will be Graduation Recognition Sunday. All students graduating high school or college will be honored.

Also on that day (June 2nd), there will be an All Church Planning Retreat at the Church in the Acres in Springfield from 1:00 to 6:30 p.m. Plan to be a part of this important event!

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will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good.

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Christians can also suffer because of sin. Sin is a terrible thing which interferes with our relationship with God. God is holy; He cannot and will not abide in sin with us. Indeed, it would be counter-productive for God to bless persistent and rebellious sinners, if for no other reason that to do so might lead some to think that sin is okay or doesn't matter. It is not okay, and leads to error-filled living. If we suffer because of sin, God has provided a remedy. It is called repentance. If we confess and repent of our sins, we can count on God to forgive us and also to cleanse us of unrighteousness.

Finally, Christians sometimes suffer simply because we are part of the human race. As Scripture puts it, the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth. The world is not perfect, because of the events in the Garden of Eden. Since Adam and Eve, people have lived in a broken world.

Even though we suffer, there is still a great benefit in being, or becoming, a Christian. God can bless us, even in the midst of suffering. God's word says: "Humble yourselves under God's mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time. And the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will Himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast."

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**Church News - continued...****Ag. United Methodist  
To Collect Good  
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Don't throw away your good usable clothing to fill up the landfills or burn plants by trash burning when they can still be used. The Agawam United Methodist Church has set up a site to which good clean, wearable clothing and shoes that you no longer use, can be brought.

All clothing is recycled into the United States, as well as poor, third-world countries, to be worn and used.

**1. What kind of clothes can be recycled?**

All kinds of good clean clothing for men, women, and children. This includes underwear, shoes, curtains, sheets, blankets, towels, etc., that are still good enough to be worn by other people.

**2. No rags, fabric cuttings, or trash.**

Only good wearable, everyday clothing, shoes, etc.

**3. What do you do to have clothing picked up?**

Just put the clothing or shoes in tied plastic bags (no boxes) and take them to the Agawam United Methodist Church opposite Agawam High School at 459 Mill Street. (Remove all clothes hangers.)

**4. What day must clothes be brought to the church?**

On Tuesday, May 28th, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, and from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

(Please call 786-4174 if you have any questions. Your message will be recorded and you will be contacted.)

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The Annual Memorial Day Mass will be celebrated in St. Michael's Cemetery on Monday, May 27th at 9:00 a.m. The celebrant of the Mass will be the Most Reverend Thomas L. Dupre, Bishop of Springfield.

All are invited to attend.

*For all the local news, you turn our pages every week...*

**Agawam Congregational Church News**

Worship service continues at 10:30 a.m. this Sunday at the Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam.

This Sunday, May 26th, is Pentecost Sunday and the Memorial Day Service. The sermon will be "No Greater Gift" (Text John 15:12-13); the Children's Message will be "How Do We Remember?" Join us for this special Pentecost and Memorial Day Service.

There will be no Church School so that children will be able to worship with their families for this special service. Church School will resume next Sunday, June 2nd.

Next Sunday, June 2nd, is "Bring A Friend Sunday."

The following Sunday, June 9th, is "Church School Day." All church school classes will present a special program for the congregation.

The Sixth Annual 18 Hole Golf Tournament—The Charlie McCobb Memorial Golf Tournament—will be held on Saturday, June 1, 1996, at St. Anne's Country Club, Feeding Hills.

There will be prizes, prizes, and more prizes for the winners. All golfers are welcome: men, women, seniors, and juniors. The entry fee is \$25

(greens fee, snack, beverage), and carts are available.

For tee times, call Tom Erskine, 786-4783, or Austin Woodard, 786-1675. Call the church office, 786-7111, if you would like to sponsor a hole or place an ad or be a patron.

The Ladies Aid Annual Strawberry Supper will be held on Thursday, June 6th, with two sittings at 5:00 and 6:15 p.m.

Menu includes: homemade potato salad, boiled ham, cole slaw, rolls, mustard, pickle relish, fresh coffee and tea, homemade strawberry shortcake with freshly baked biscuits and real whipped cream.

Adults are \$7, and children under 12 are \$3. For reservations call Mrs. Ruth Galica, 786-0550, or the church office, 786-7111. Reservations close Tuesday, June 4th.

On Sunday, June 16th, the new Summer Worship service hours begin at 9:30 a.m. This is also Senior Recognition Day; we will be honoring all our graduating seniors with a special service.

The Jr. High students will be leading and participating in the Worship Service. The summer "Youth Church" will begin this Sunday and continue through summer, ending on Sunday, August 25th.

**More News From Sacred Heart**

**ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY MASS** — The Annual Memorial Day Mass will be celebrated in St. Michael's Cemetery on Monday, May 27th, at 9:00 a.m.

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**PRAYER LINE** — Our Prayer Line's 100th request was received this week, translating into more than 6,000 prayers for people living in our parish and also people who live out of our parish. Call 786-5221 if you would like to take part and

have more information or if prayers are needed.

This is one way to share and be a support in our faith with one another.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** — The J.F.K. Council 5585, Knights of Columbus are looking for all good men over 18 years of age. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month at St. John's Parish Center.

Please call Frank Meagher at 786-8023, Jim Jenks at 786-0857, or Sacred Heart Parish for more information.

We would love to have you join us in all our activities.

*Please remember that we are closed on Memorial Day, Monday, May 27th.*

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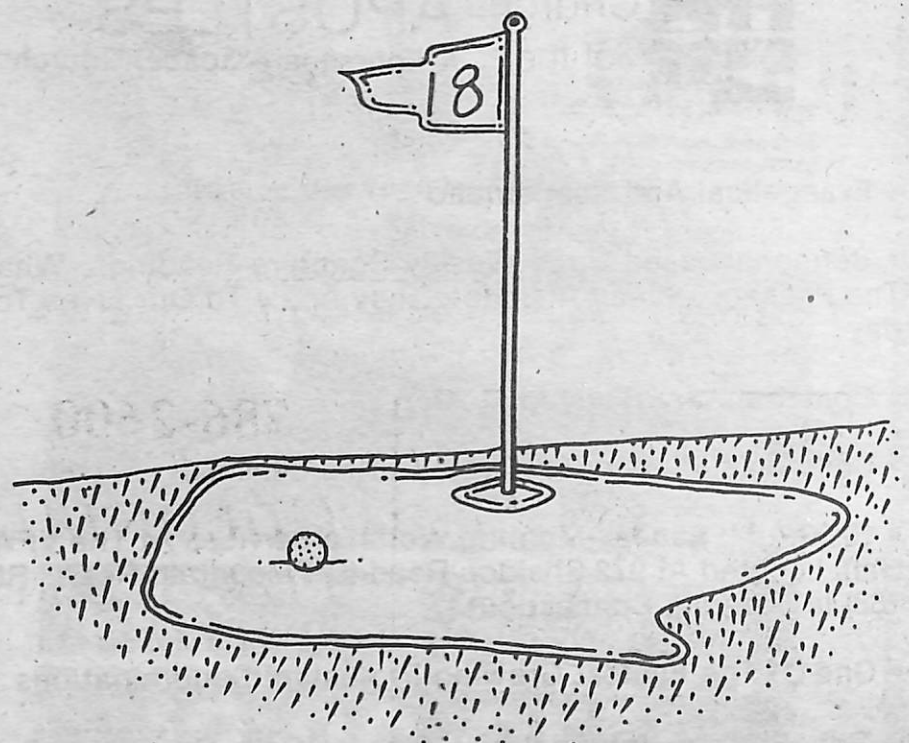
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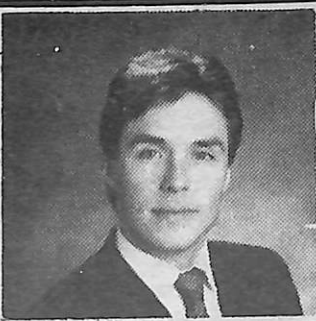


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# For Your Health



## Your Back And Your Health

by Dr. Joseph S. Schlaffer  
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## Cost Of Chiropractic Care

Despite President Clinton's failure to get his national health care program, the initiative gave insurance companies the green light on restructuring the entire health insurance system. In case you haven't noticed, for the past two years managed care has been sweeping across the country.

While the cost effectiveness of chiropractic care is well demonstrated and established in the minds of many, what about chiropractic care delivered in a managed care system? This question has undoubtedly been asked in the board rooms of managed care corporations across the United States.

The answer to that question came in the March 1996 issue of the *American Journal of Managed Care*. The AJMC refers to itself as "the forum for peer reviewed literature on managed health care."

In a recent study of patients of an "independent physician model HMO," the publication came to some interesting conclusions. The authors retrospectively evaluated the cost of health care for back and neck pain for members of a health maintenance organization (HMO) who sought chiropractic care or other treatment methods.

In addition, differences between the groups in surgical rates, the use of diagnostic imaging (CT and MRS scans), and patient satisfaction were compared.

The cost of health care for back and neck pain was substantially lower for chiropractic patients than for non-chiropractic patients. The authors concluded, "Properly managed chiropractic care can yield outcomes in terms of surgical requirements and patient satisfaction, that are equal to those of non-chiropractic care at a substantially lower cost per patient."

As we move toward managed care, you should review the health care benefits of your health insurance. Insisting on a chiropractic benefit is in your best interest.

The Schlaffer Chiropractic Office is available to answer your questions. Call 789-1369 or 789-1073.

## Living Well...

## The Benefit Of Exercise Is Ageless

by Barb Vinciguerra, MS  
Assistant General Manager  
Fitness First Health and Fitness Center

On Wednesday, May 29, 1996, thousands of Americans will be celebrating National Senior Health and Fitness Day. This day is set aside to help increase the awareness of the benefits of a regular exercise program for older adults.

Recent research has indicated that regular exercise can enhance the quality of life in older adults. Many of the diseases and illnesses that we once thought were due to the aging process, have now been found to be controllable through participating in good lifestyle habits. Good lifestyle habits such as regular exercise and proper nutrition have been shown to decrease various diseases and increase longevity of life.

As we grow older, it becomes even more important to engage in an exercise program. In fact, some researchers speculate that no group in our population can benefit more from an exercise program, than older adults.

Research has also indicated that it's not just good enough to be active. You might think that because you walk or do some yard work, that you are doing enough to help combat the aging process on the body. Unfortunately, that is probably not the case. There is a difference between being active and exercising, and the benefits associated with each are also different.

If you suffer from osteoporosis or arthritis or low back pain, being active may help slightly, but it can't compare to being involved in a regular exercise program. If you suffer from coronary heart disease, or high blood pressure, or diabetes, being active may provide you with some benefits, but nothing compared to the benefits that exercise can provide.

Learn more about the differences between being active and exercising and more about the opportunities available to older adults by attending the National Senior Health and Fitness Day on Wednesday, May 29th, at Fitness First Health and Fitness Center in Feeding Hills, MA.

There will be free blood pressure screenings, free exercise classes, free fitness testing, and a free Health Fair from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. For more information, contact Fitness First at 786-1460. Remember, it's never too late to begin and reap the benefits of an exercise program.

## State Representative Keenan Supports Bill To Protect Patients

Representative Daniel F. Keenan has announced his strong support of House Bill 5917, An Act to Protect Patients. The Committee on Insurance conducted a hearing on May 1st on the bill that would require insurers to provide information to all potentially insured households prior to the purchase of group health insurance coverage.

The bill would create uniform standards for all insurance carriers regarding the nature and extent of the information to be provided to consumers.

These standards include provisions requiring that all carriers provide information regarding basic benefits, including prescription drugs, procedures for using both in and out-of-network benefits, and appeal information.

It also requires that carriers provide information regarding whether or not they use certain financial arrangements, such as capitation in their contracts with providers, provider credentialing standards, and medical and administrative loss ratios.

"This legislation provides consumers with the information they need to know regarding the full extent of their insurance coverage," stated Rep. Keenan. "Under this plan, consumers will know what they can expect to pay and which services are provided under their health policies so that they are better able to make an informed choice."

## Prenatal Exercise Course At Providence Hospital In Holyoke

The Center for Women's Health at Providence Hospital in Holyoke offers a prenatal exercise class each Wednesday from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. in room 2, third floor west.

The classes feature the "20-Minute Prenatal Exercise System" developed by KUR Health Systems. Physiological changes experienced during pregnancy, and the role exercise plays, will be discussed and illustrated.

Instruction will be provided for all exercises; participants will also receive a video for home use.

Registration is \$30; renewals are \$20 for the second month, and \$10 for the third month.

Advance registration is required; for more information, call the Center for Women's Health, (413) 539-2950.

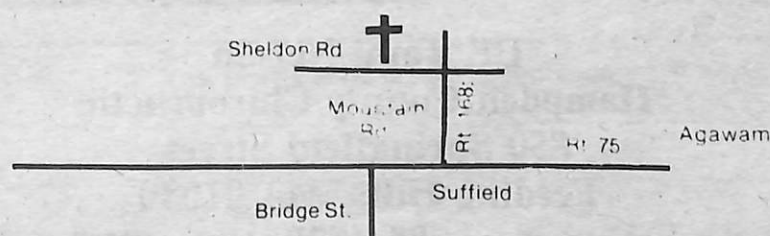
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You need strength in these areas for many athletic activities as well as for performing everyday tasks. You can carry a rubber ball (about 2½ inches in diameter) in your pocket or in your car. Then, at normally wasted times, you can use it to develop these muscles that most of us take for granted.

There are several ways to squeeze a ball. First, squeeze it in one hand with all your fingers and thumb. Squeeze until you feel your hand tire, then squeeze a few more times.

Another way is to use one finger and thumb. Start squeezing the ball between your little finger and thumb, then your ring finger and thumb, middle finger and thumb, and finally your index finger and thumb. Do eight to 10 squeezes with each finger. These exercises will isolate and develop muscles that need strengthening.

Develop strength and endurance by squeezing the ball many times. These squeezing exercises develop neglected muscles that will aid greatly in overall development and prevention of injury.

This strengthening exercise is a good idea if you use your body to make a living. To stretch your hands after squeezing the ball, separate and extend your fingers. Hold five seconds. Do twice.

*If you are interested in learning more about chiropractic, Dr. Nelson offers a complimentary health care class which answers many questions you may have.*

*Our next scheduled class will be on Wednesday, May 29th, at 7:00 p.m. at Hampden County Chiropractic, 850 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills. Please call our office at 786-4820 to reserve a space.*

*Dr. Nelson is available to answer questions on Monday and Wednesday from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. at the above number.*

### Diabetes Support Group To Meet At Noble Hospital

Noble Hospital's Diabetes Support Group will meet Tuesday, May 28th, at 1:00 p.m. in Noble Hospital's Conference Room A on the ground floor.

Guest speaker will be Dr. Mary Gina Trevisani, MD, an Ophthalmologist with Baystate Eye Care. Dr. Trevisani will be speaking about diabetes and the eyes.

The Diabetes Support Group is free and open to individuals with diabetes and their spouse or support persons. Registration is not necessary.

For more information about the Diabetes Support Group, please call the Nursing Administration Department at 568-2811, ext. 5754.

### "Laugh More & Live" Subject Of Seminar At Stress Institute

Dr. Steve Sobel, founder and director of The New England Institute For Stress Management of West Springfield, will be the featured speaker for the seminar, "Laugh More, Live Longer" and "What To Do When Life Throws You Curveballs - Handling Adversity, Change and Stress."

Both programs take place on Tuesday, June 18th at the Holiday Inn in Holyoke. The Laughter program is from 6:00-7:30 p.m., and the second program is from 7:45 p.m.-9:15 p.m.

Cost is \$19 per person, per program or \$35 for attendance at both programs. Registration is needed by calling 413-785-1259. Group discounts available.

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## Agawam Town Nurses Honored



AT THE MAY 6TH meeting of the Agawam Town Council, the town's nurses received proclamations to honor their dedicated service. From left - Barbara Moriarty, Donna Markowski, Pamela Lynch, Hilda Bartnik, Mary McEwan, Sherry Petrucci, Karen Chmura, Marialyse L. Rivers, Catherine Hallaman, and Town Council President Nancy Thompson.

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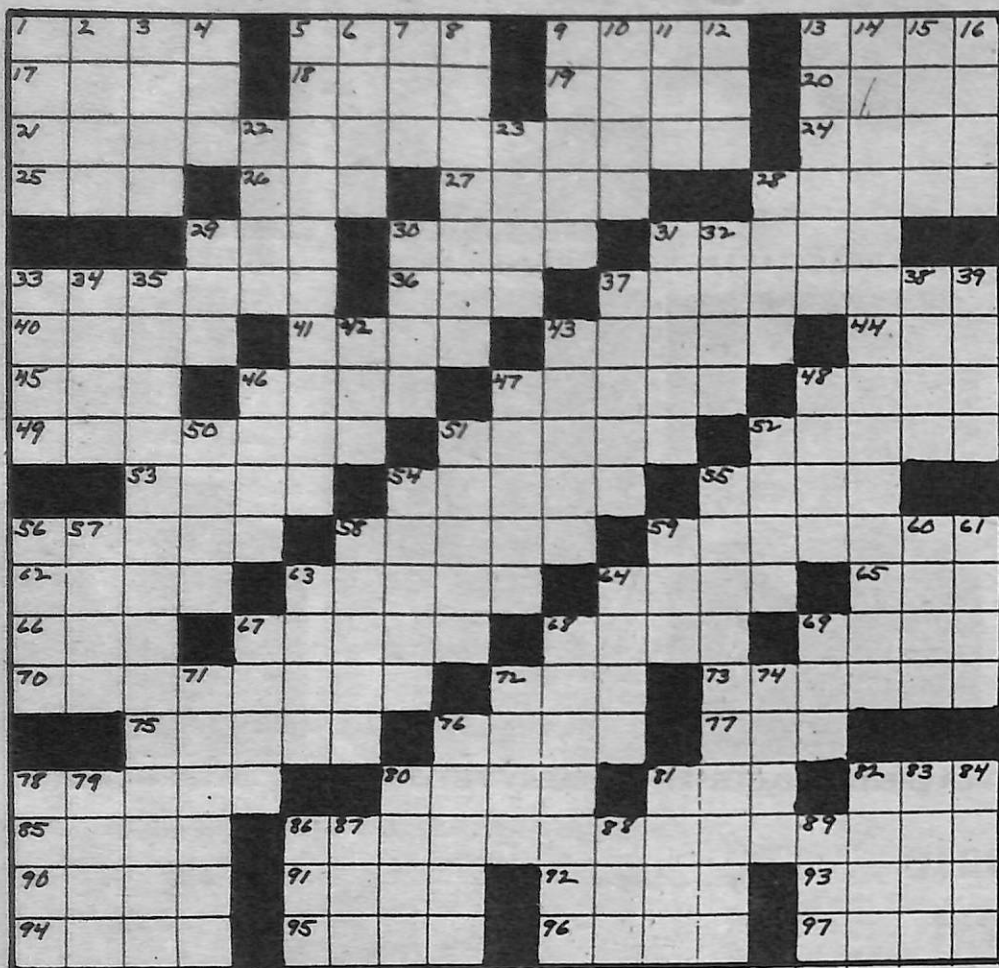
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# Arts

## MEET THE MASTER - by Dick Mastroianni



### Westfield Theatre Group To Perform Children's Musical

The Westfield Theatre Group, a department of the Westfield Woman's Club, will present its first children's musical, *The Last Prince, or Sort Of*, on Friday, May 31, and Saturday, June 1, 1996.

The show is being directed by Kathi Palmer, who also wrote the play and the accompanying songs. Musical accompaniment will be provided by Greg Geehern of Westfield.

The talents of some 25 children will take the stage at the Westfield Woman's Club, 28 Court Street, starting at 7:30 p.m. each night.

The story takes place in the land of New Sense and its neighboring land, Non Sense. No one from the two lands has spoken to each other in years, but the prince of New Sense must take a bride soon, and the story revolves around the difficulties he faces in finding that perfect mate.

Several veteran performers from the Westfield stage are featured in this show, including Dan Deery, Michael Buzzee, Elizabeth and Heather Dion, Jessica Palmer, Jill Mihlek, and Matt Wright. Many newcomers will also take part in this musical, including Derek Wood, Mary Geehern, and Dustin Cote.

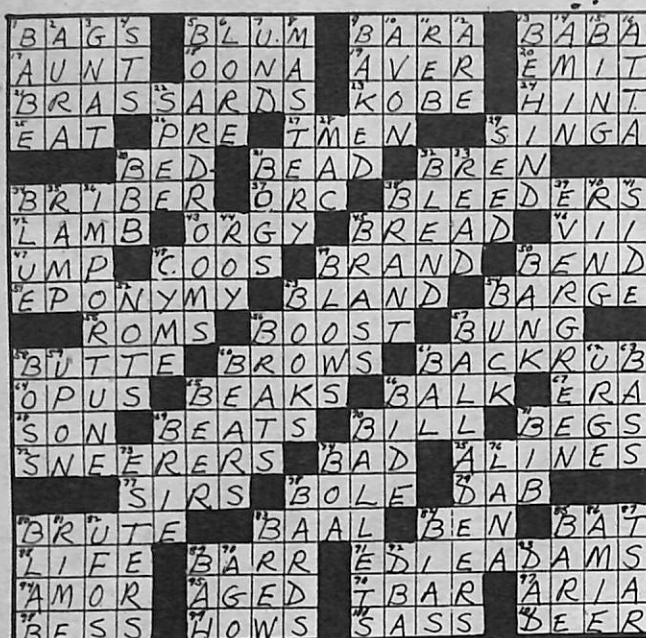
Ticket prices are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and seniors. Reservations can be made by calling 572-6838.

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#### ACROSS

- 1 Char on the outside
- 5 Pertaining to time
- 9 Teasdale specialty
- 13 Merganser
- 17 Actor Ray
- 18 Asta's mistress
- 19 Shield border
- 20 Liberian Negro
- 21 A moon's route often
- 24 Leave out
- 25 Poet's over
- 26 G.O.P. foe
- 27 Irritates
- 28 Winter wheat
- 29 Lilted tune
- 30 Remain
- 31 Squeal (2 wds.)
- 33 "I've got a —"
- 36 Heavy weight
- 37 Gave in
- 40 Graduate for short
- 41 Mid-East gulf
- 43 Sire
- 44 Onassis
- 45 Bro's sib
- 46 Fashion name
- 47 "Twenty mule team" product
- 48 Edge
- 49 Fine fabrics
- 51 Aesop's point
- 52 "Mad Anthony"
- 53 Harem rooms
- 54 Loaded down
- 55 Russian river
- 56 Guy a tune was named for

### Last Week's Solution...



- 58 Used an oven
- 59 Hitler's gauge
- 62 Sprat's wife's preference
- 63 Like a newborn
- 64 Revival meeting conclusion
- 65 "— vobiscum"
- 66 Spoil
- 67 Hurtful things
- 68 What "Leo" does
- 69 "— Spumonti"
- 70 Ambulance chasers to some
- 72 Bog
- 73 Parish head
- 75 Useful
- 76 Gorge
- 77 Stripling
- 78 Cutting beam
- 80 Mid-East lord
- 81 Actress Rita
- 82 I love (Latin)
- 85 Sharif
- 86 Back-up must
- 90 Omen
- 91 Fit of anger
- 92 Lotion additive
- 93 Bosc
- 94 Golfing pegs
- 95 Yesterday's roast today
- 96 Obscene
- 97 Tots up

#### DOWN

- 1 Toadfish
- 2 Robert of the C.S.A.
- 3 Hebrew month
- 4 Howard who played Ope
- 5 Acts as a hostess
- 6 Wander around
- 7 Airport board info (abbr.)
- 8 "— thick" (curry favor)
- 9 Loony Toons' pig
- 10 Eyes
- 11 Yale man
- 12 Came across

- 39 Thin coin
- 42 "— Passos"
- 43 Blase
- 46 "— John" letter
- 47 Presaged
- 48 Slapsy Maxie
- 50 Famous garden
- 51 Constructs
- 52 Christopher
- 54 Erie and Superior
- 55 "— one's hand"
- 56 "Desire" trees
- 57 Jacob's wife
- 58 Granite city
- 59 G.P.'s org.
- 60 Gangster's guns
- 61 The way out
- 63 Christmas another way
- 64 Top of the line
- 67 Mix up
- 68 Second time around in court
- 69 Assist
- 71 Ship's backsides
- 72 Flunk out
- 74 Incline
- 76 "God Bless America" singer
- 78 "— and found"
- 79 French friend
- 80 WW II bloc
- 81 Increase in size
- 82 Thunderstruck in a way
- 83 Anthropologist Margaret
- 84 Bobby and family
- 86 Fire residue
- 87 Dan's sister (Kipling)
- 88 Tap-house beverage
- 89 WWII agency

### Community Artists To Participate In Jr. Women's Crafts

The Agawam Community Artists will be exhibiting and selling their art at the Agawam Junior Women's Club's 22nd Annual Arts & Crafts Festival on June 1st on the lawn of the Captain Charles Leonard House.

### Best local news...

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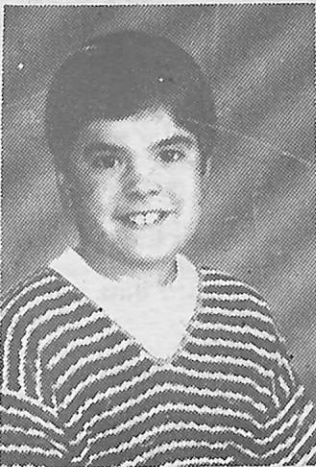
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## Young Agawam Musicians Participate In American Guild Of Music Contest

Since 1901, The American Guild of Music has been instrumental in encouraging young musicians through music competitions. The A.G.M. contest is the perfect way to motivate students to practice, learn, and maintain their interest throughout the year.

Congratulations to the following students: Allie Agostino, Nicole Agostino, Karen Braccialarghe, Corinne Cardin, Danielle Cardin, Sheree Cardin, Erin Cocchi, Lauren Kendzierski, Amy Koski, Ryan Morgan, Nina Murray, Lesley Peterson, and Laura Reveruzzi. These talented students are music students of The Music Cellar in West Springfield.

These students returned victorious from a three-day music competition held April 26th-28th in Southfield, Michigan. They competed in the American Guild of Music, Great Lakes Regional

Music Competition. This competition is one of the largest held in North America.

This year, the champions competed in their respective categories of Test List division, which are music pieces pre-selected by the Guild; Length of study; and Age achievement division, which are music pieces selected by the performer.

All 13 students brought back 35 trophies! There were 11 first-place winners, six second-place winners, one third-place winner, two fourth-place winners, and a second-place Duet team.

Of these 13 students, 11 received a perfect score of AAA, and two received AA for the Evaluation division.

Congratulations to all of these talented students who have worked so hard!



SHEREE CARDIN

## Community Artists To Feature David Lussier At Leonard House

The season's last meeting of the Agawam Community Artists will be held on Wednesday, June 5th, at the Captain Charles Leonard House, with David Lussier giving an oil painting demonstration.

Lussier is a full-time artist and a devoted outdoor painter. His expressive New England landscapes are filled with an energy and freshness that he believes can only be achieved by painting from life.

A graduate of Paier College of Art, he also studied at the Lyme Academy of Fine Arts, Connecticut. His paintings have been exhibited in national shows at the Salmungundi Club of New York City.

In addition to a list of awards, his work was recently featured in the December 1995 issue of the *American Artist Magazine*.

He is represented by four galleries in the New England region, and is involved with workshops at the Fenton River Gallery in Willington, Connecticut.

The June 5th meeting of the Agawam Community Artists is open to the public at no charge and is funded by the Arts Lottery and the Cultural Council of Agawam.

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## Education

# Police Dept. Continuing To Push Helmets And Kids' Bike Safety

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

It's not too late for parents to get bike helmets for their children for about a fifth of the retail price.

Agawam Police Sergeant Steven Draghetti said there are a few Bell bike helmets left over from the Bike Safety Skills Day held as part of the department's observance of National Safe Kids Week.

The helmets were purchased by the Agawam Police Association for resale to parents at a cost of \$5 to cover expenses and can still be obtained at the Agawam Police Station.

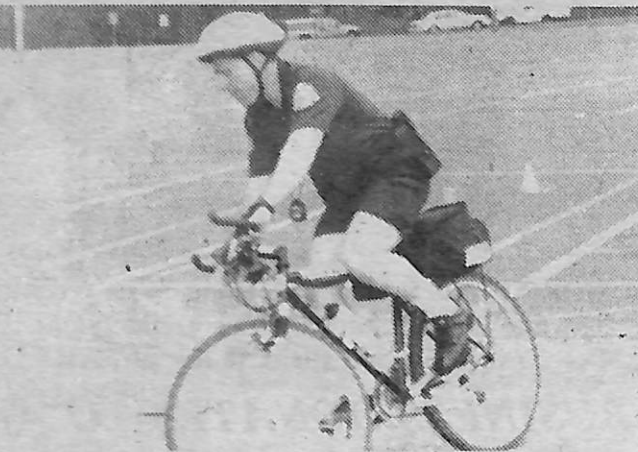
"Our big push is to get the kids wearing the helmets," Draghetti said. "National statistics show there are 600 preventable deaths each year on bikes due to head injuries, and most of them are children."

About 150 kids received certificates of participation for testing their bike skills at five activity centers set up in the High School parking lot the day before Mother's Day. In addition to testing their ability to stop, change direction, and balance a bike, youngsters and their parents could have their bikes inspected for safety by representatives of Axler's Bike Shop, Draghetti said.

Along with DARE Officer Donald Gallerani, bike patrol officers Keith Bopko, Richard Light, Richard Riccio, Anthony Cichetti, and Steve Grasso were on hand to assist the kids in registering their bikes with the Police Department. Thirty bikes were added to the department's database to assist in identifying and recovering stolen bikes.

### Stolen Bike Is Recovered...

Three days after the latest registration drive, a stolen bike was recovered and two Springfield teenagers were arrested because the bike had been registered last year. Within minutes of Officer Jim Santori's radioed report of a bike stolen on Rowley Street, the two suspects were being detained on Letendre Avenue by State Trooper



**AGAWAM POLICE DEPT.** bike patrolman Richard Riccio shows his stuff during a recent National Safe Kids Week program at the High School parking lot. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Weiner, who happened to hear the report on his way home.

Draghetti said stolen bikes can be identified by the ID stickers affixed to the frames when the bike is registered. Draghetti said bikes can be registered at the police station at any time, and there is no fee.

The registration program is not a cure-all for the problem of stolen bikes, but it is the difference between detaining a suspect and watching a bike thief pedal off, especially along River Road and Main Street.

Draghetti said there is a problem with youngsters from out-of-town who get a ride or take the bus to Riverside Park and find



**HOLDING A KIDS' BIKE SAFETY PROGRAM** at the High School parking lot are Police Officers Sergeant Steven Draghetti, Steven Grasso, and Richard Light. The youngster in the photo is Matthew Sadowski. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

themselves with no transportation home. Often, kids solve the problem by stealing a bike and pedaling home. With no way to identify the bikes, there is little the police can do.

Draghetti said about 100 bikes are currently registered with the police.



**GETTING THEIR BIKES REGISTERED** by Agawam Police Officers Anthony Cichetti and Keith Bopko are Stephanie Sadowski, Ashley Sadowski, and Chelsea Breton. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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**Wednesday, May 29th:** Sliced turkey sandwich in roll with lettuce & tomato, mayonnaise, oven potato puffs with catsup, midnight chocolate cake with icing, milk.

**Thursday, May 30th:** Meatball sandwich in roll with tomato sauce & cheese, seasoned niblet corn, apple crisp, milk.

**Friday, May 31st:** Hamburg with gravy on whipped potatoes, seasoned peas & diced carrots, wheat bread & butter, ice cream cup, milk.

\* **REMINDER:** Elementary lunch is \$1. Tickets must be purchased on Mondays for the week. Personal checks are accepted, payable to: The Agawam School Lunch.

Best local news...



**MICROTEST LABS** in Feeding Hills recently donated about \$50,000 in equipment to the Agawam High School Science Department. From left - Michael Kidd and Steven Richter, MicroTest Labs; and Richard Joseph, AHS Science Department. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

### BUSINESS DONATES TO AHS SCIENCE - from Page 1...

Richter said he would like to see industry working with colleges and universities to tailor-make a curriculum to match the specific qualifications businesses are looking for in their employees.

"We have to let the teaching profession know what has to be taught," Richter said.

Richter said his lab employs 45 people and he expects to expand his operation within the next year, adding 10 new positions.

Richter said he planned to continue his support of the High School science program. "If Rich Joseph needs anything, he knows he can give me a call."

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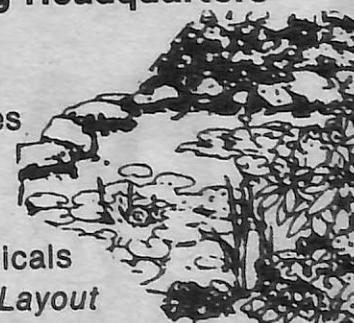
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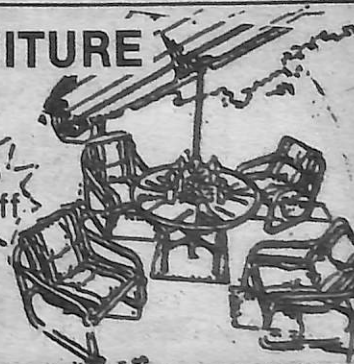


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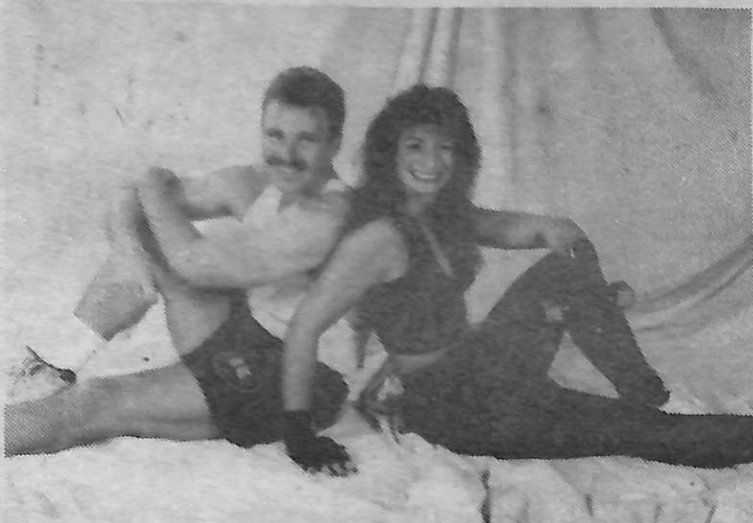
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## Fifth Graders Debate School Uniform Issue At Middle School

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

In the end, it all came down to two guiding principles of the American way of life. First, everyone is entitled to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Second, if it ain't broke—don't fix it.

In a close debate, the fifth grade students in Francesca Pellegrino's class rejected the idea of introducing school uniforms throughout the school system.

After listening to their classmates argue for and against the proposal, the team of judges graded the debaters on content, presentation, self-confidence, voice, and clarity.

Both sides offered a mix of opinion and statistics gathered from news and magazine articles citing the experiences school districts have had across the country with the introduction of school uniforms.

The students in both the "pro" and "con" team argued the issue of the right to freedom of expression in choosing which clothes to wear to school vs. the possible benefits of improved academic performance and conduct when students dress uniformly.

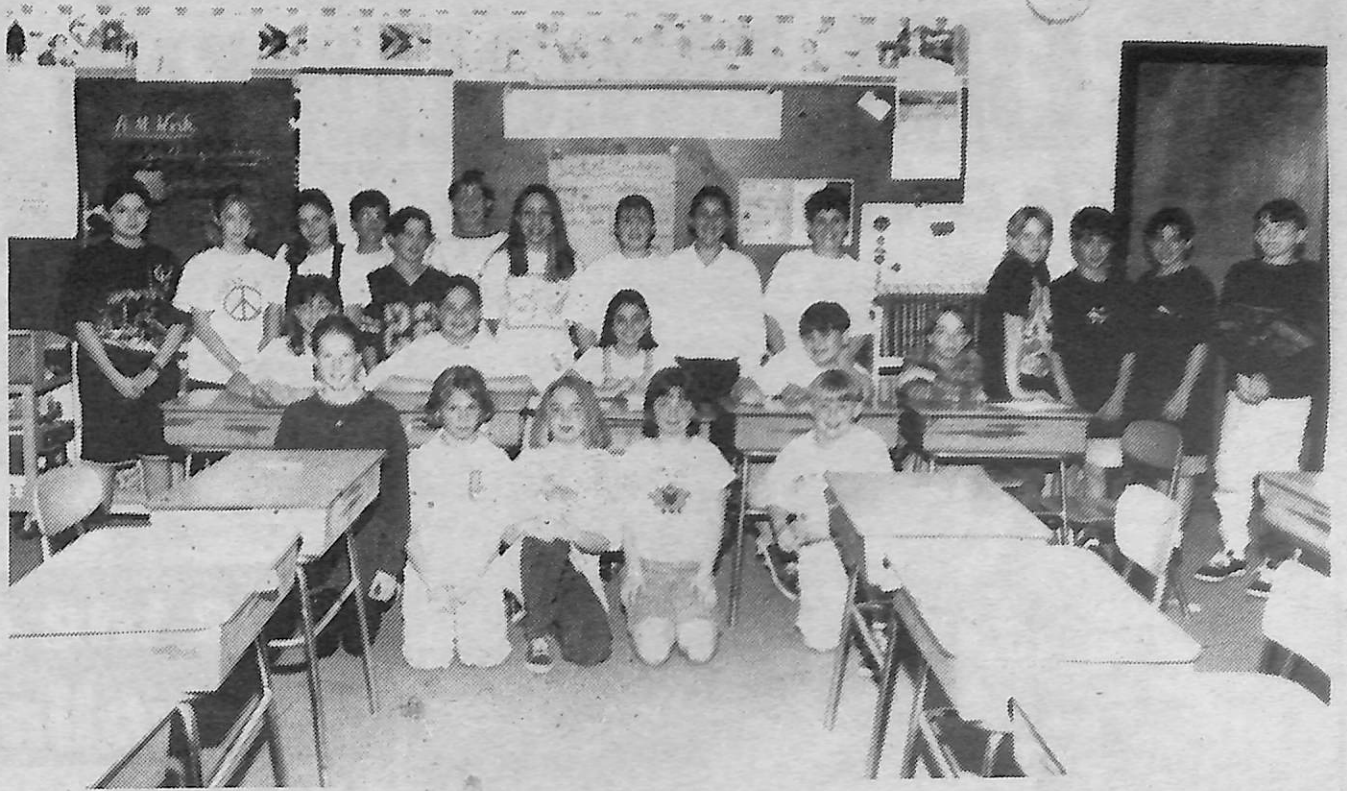
Each side backed up their statements by citing expert opinion as they countered opposing arguments:

Uniforms would be less expensive, but parents would still need to buy clothes for after-school and weekend wear. Kids whose parents can't afford brand name clothing may have low self-esteem, but wearing uniforms prevents kids from showing what they like and dislike.

Studies from Richmond, Virginia and Seattle, Washington show an increase in community pride as businesses helped purchase uniforms for the public schools, but that's Richmond and this is Agawam. If the town has to pay for uniforms, there will be less money for supplies and field trips.

### Depth Of Research And Preparation

Both teams demonstrated the depth of their research and preparation as they supported their arguments with references to crime statistics, the Bill of Rights, and the American Civil Liberties Union.



**MIDDLE SCHOOL FIFTH GRADERS** argued for and against the institution of school uniforms in Room 207 under the direction of Language/Pathologist Francine Bigda and teachers Francesca Pellegrino and Joanne Anino. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

In the end, the judges had the final word: the con team edged out the pro team with a score of 269 to 265.

The idea of having the students put on a debate came out of the children's study of persuasive speech in science, social studies, and reading, according to Speech/Language Pathologist Francine Bigda, who works along with Mrs. Pellegrino and Joanne Anino in the language-based classroom. The class includes a mix of regular education students and language learning-disabled students.

Mrs. Pellegrino said the topic for the debate was chosen by the students themselves. Other topics considered were athletes as role models, lengthening the school year, or changing school lunch choices.

"The kids are learning about perspective taking

and the debate will drive home the point of just what it means to take a perspective. Some of the kids are arguing points they don't necessarily agree with," Mrs. Pellegrino said.

Serving as the judges for the debate were Christin Cillimberg, Ashley Edmunds, Nicole Gessay, Greg Curtis, and Robert LaValle.

The pro team headed by Johanna Massotti was comprised of Christopher Malloy, Michael Eggleston, Ashley Brodeur, Jason St. George, David Rosenberg, Scott Roberts, Michele Gendron, Rebecca Niemiec, and Whitney Brown.

Kevin Borgatti captained the con team of Caitlin Holland, Shanna Strack, Savannah Favreau, Michael Bachini, Steven Iacolo, Andrew Allen, Matthew Rheault, John Tisdell, and Elizabeth Haire.

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Daisy Troops 554, 559, 561, and 568 listened to stories and made a special craft. They also enjoyed refreshments.

The entire event was for the Scouts to celebrate the birthday of National Girl Scouting.

During the year, Brownie Troop 525 from Granger School went on three field trips: to The Rollaway; to Fitness First; and to the Discovery Zone.

The girls have also worked very hard to earn five Try-Its: "Girl Scout Ways," "My Body," "Caring and Sharing," "Colors and Shapes," and "Sports and Games." Each Try-It is earned by the Scouts doing three or four different activities during the troop meetings. Many times it takes several months to complete the requirements for just one Try-It. Congratulations, girls, on a great job!

For one meeting, the girls painted flower pots and then planted real flowers in them. They also made Valentine's cards that were sent to the soldiers in Bosnia. We're sure the brightly decorated cards brought some smiles to some people who really needed them!

Our Troop is planning more fun and worthwhile activities to finish out the school year. It's hard to believe there's only a couple of months left!

As part of the Fly-up to Junior Scout's requirement for Granger Brownie Troop 579, as well as a Fly-up to Brownie Scout's requirement for Granger Daisy Troop 554, the two Troops got together and shared a meeting.

The Daisy Troop showed the older Brownie Scouts their scrapbook that they have been working on since the beginning of the year. The Brownie Scouts performed a skit and then helped the younger girls make a bunny puppet.

SEE GIRL SCOUTS - Page 34...

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## GIRL SCOUTS - from Page 33...

Together they sang songs and ended with the Friendship Squeeze. They all really enjoyed the time together.

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As third grade Brownies, **Clark Troop 584** has been very busy with our Bridging activities.

We started working on the requirements by writing letters to **Junior Troop 545**. As a special treat, we decorated and sent them Christmas cards. We even had a chance to meet the Junior Scouts at one of their troop meetings in January. The older girls showed us their sashes and talked about the different Badges that they have earned as Junior Scouts.

On one of our field trips, we went on a tour of the Girl Scout Council office in East Longmeadow. Joanne Allard showed us uniforms and handbooks that Girl Scouts used from times past. We had the chance to meet the women who worked in the office and to learn about the many different jobs that are available for women.

These activities helped us earn our first Junior Badge, "Girl Scouting in the USA." In addition, the girls earned three Brownie Try-Its: "Careers," "Numbers and Shapes," and "My Body."

The girls had a great time when they toured the Agawam Post Office. Mrs. Georgia Battles showed us all around the facility. She told us about the different jobs women can do. We even watched a video about the mail. The Troop had a chance to mail letters, to learn where the mail carriers sort their mail before delivering it, and to see the loading dock where all the bundles of mail get put on mail trucks for delivery.

Our Troop had a very successful cookie sale this year. The girls have some great ideas on what to do with their part of the proceeds; some of the money will pay for our day trip to camp Bonnie Brae in May and some will go towards our end-of-the-year banquet in June.

We want to thank our cookie mom, **Sherry Carter**, for a job well done. **THANK YOU, SHERRY!!**

The girls that are working hard (and having some fun!) in Troop 584 are **Courtney Barbier, Amanda Borden, Marianne Carter, Jennie Clark, Sarah Clark, Brittany Devoe, Caroline Elkins, Carolynn Fontaine, Emily Lathrop, Carrye Martin, Theresa Murphy, Megan Quinlan, Christina Reed, Ashley Quesnal, Ashley Richards, Emily Siedlik, Nicole Struck, and Katie Tapply.**

The leaders of Troop 584 are very proud of our girls for all their accomplishments this year (and to think there is still more to come!). It has been our pleasure to work with you and for you in our Troop!!

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On January 31st, as part of a community service project, **Daisy Troop 562** from Phelps School headed to Heritage Hall Nursing Home. The Troop created the Birthday Boards for those residents celebrating a birthday in February. While visiting, the girls talked with some of the residents and shared a few of their favorite songs.

These boards are decorated each month by a different Girl Scout Troop from the Agawam Unit.



**BROWNIE TROOP 579 and DAISY TROOP 554 have enjoyed another busy year.**

A theme is decided, then the girls go to work creating the design on the board. Once the background is done, the names of the birthday people are added to the board to make it complete.

The Troop usually plans a field trip on or near the first of the month to display the boards. The residents really seem to enjoy the beautiful boards and especially the visit from the Troop!

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## It's "Mr. Wizard"



"MR. WIZARD" paid a visit to Clark School earlier this month and here is conducting a rope demonstration with student Tim Alfano.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Daisy Troop 562 Visits Heritage Hall



DELIVERING BIRTHDAY BOARDS to residents at Heritage Hall Nursing Home were members of Daisy Troop 562. IN PHOTO ABOVE - Bryana Prout, Amy Mantha, Andrea Simmons, Noelle Myers, Krystina Albano, Katey Garrett, Sarah Cosby, Cassandra Kalitzdis, and Alexandra O'Neal.



### AHS Guidance...

by Judith Cohen  
Acting Director  
AHS Guidance Dept.

Exam time is coming. Seniors will start exams the end of this week. The rest of the school population will have test and exams from now until school closes for the summer.

As I wrote in a previous column, test taking breeds anxiety. Even though deep breaths are taken, students are still nervous as they plunge headlong into taking an exam or test. Perhaps they feel that not just the test is being graded, but they, as individuals, are being graded. Will they be termed success or failures?

Recently, I received some techniques that will aid each student in the test taking process. Perusing the information, I ferreted out the tips that I felt would prove most beneficial and will now share them with you.

#### OBJECTIVE TESTS:

1. Answer all questions in order; if not, you may forget to return to the unanswered ones.
2. Watch your time.

3. Reread all questions containing words such as "not" or "least" and circle these words. They will affect your answer choice.

4. Circle and heed qualifying words such as "all, most, some, none."

5. In your mind, answer the question before you look for the choice that matches your thought.

6. Read through ALL the choices, crossing out answers that are incorrect. It's easier, sometimes, to spot wrong answers versus right answers.

7. "A" and "an" are context clues. If "an" appears, the answer must begin with a vowel.

8. Look at the verb in the sentence and circle it. If the verb is single, the answer must be single. If the verb is plural, the answer must be plural.

#### ESSAY TESTS:

1. Read all questions first, jotting down facts and ideas that occur to you.

2. Make a short outline that you can refer to as you write your essay.

3. Be mindful of the time.

4. Answer the easiest essay questions first.

5. Write neatly and legibly.

6. Leave space between answers so you can return and add more if needed.

7. Write something on each question.

8. Leave time at the end to recheck what you have written, to make sure that it makes sense to you and states what you want it to state.

9. Restate the question in the first sentence of

your essay.

10. Your conclusion should tie up all the paragraphs and restate or answer your introduction.

#### TRUE-FALSE TESTS:

1. Watch for modifying or limiting phrases: "all", "none", "most" usually make the sentence false. "Usually," "sometimes," and "generally" most times make the sentence true.

2. Be alert for many ideas or concepts in one sentence.

3. Be alert for grammatical inconsistencies (e.g., two negatives make a positive; negative words or "all but") that will alter your choice.

4. Guess if you don't know the answer. You have a one-in-two chance of getting the right choice.

5. Go with your first hunch. It's usually the correct one.

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With each type of test you take, please review your work! If you are well prepared, you should do well. If you do not do as well as expected, see the teacher for help so you will improve the next time you are tested.

Often, it is helpful to have parents quiz you prior to an exam or to form a study group with others from your class. Good luck!! As with anything else, the more tests you take, the more adept you will be at taking them, and the less jitters you will feel. Good luck!!

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## Fitness First Promotes Fitness At Granger

Fitness First visited Granger Elementary School on South Westfield Street in Feeding Hills on Wednesday, May 1st. They conducted an outdoor gym class for the entire school (over 550 kids!) as part of A.C.E.S., which stands for All Children Exercise Simultaneously.

The A.C.E.S. program began six years ago when Arnold Schwarzenager was the head of the President's Council on Physical Fitness. The program is designed to have millions of children exercising at the very same time (10:00-10:15 a.m.) all over the world! The goal of the program is to show students how much fun exercise can be and to make them aware of the importance of exercise and why they should start it at an early age.

Fitness First brought three of their instructors over to the Granger playground in the rear of the school for the 15-minute exercise jam. Lots of heart-pumping music was on hand to lead the students and teachers in the class.

Fitness First had the full endorsement of this program from Agawam Mayor Christopher Johnson, who was there to step with the best of them.

Denise Moffatt, Marketing Director at Fitness First, has coordinated the event for Fitness First and Granger School for the past five years. "The students absolutely love it and we get a rush out of seeing hundreds of kids exercising with us. It's quite a sight to see!"

## Summer School Being Offered To Ag. Pupils

The Agawam Public School System will offer a Summer School Program at Agawam High School beginning July 1, 1996 and ending August 1, 1996. There will be 36 hours of instruction and will be held mornings, Monday through Friday, at Agawam High School. The registration fee is \$80 per course.

The program will give students the opportunity to take a maximum of two courses. On Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, class will meet from 8:30 until 11:30 from July 1st through July 26th. On those days classes will be offered in 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grade English.

On Tuesday and Thursday, class will meet from 8:00 until 12:00 from July 2nd through August 1st (no class on July 4th.) On these two days, classes will be offered in World History, U.S. History, Pre-Algebra, Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, General Science, Biology, and Physical Education (this last course meets only two hours per day on Tuesday and Thursday).

Students may register either in person or by mail. Registration forms are available in the guidance office at the senior high school and checks should be made payable to Agawam Summer School - please do not send cash through the mail.

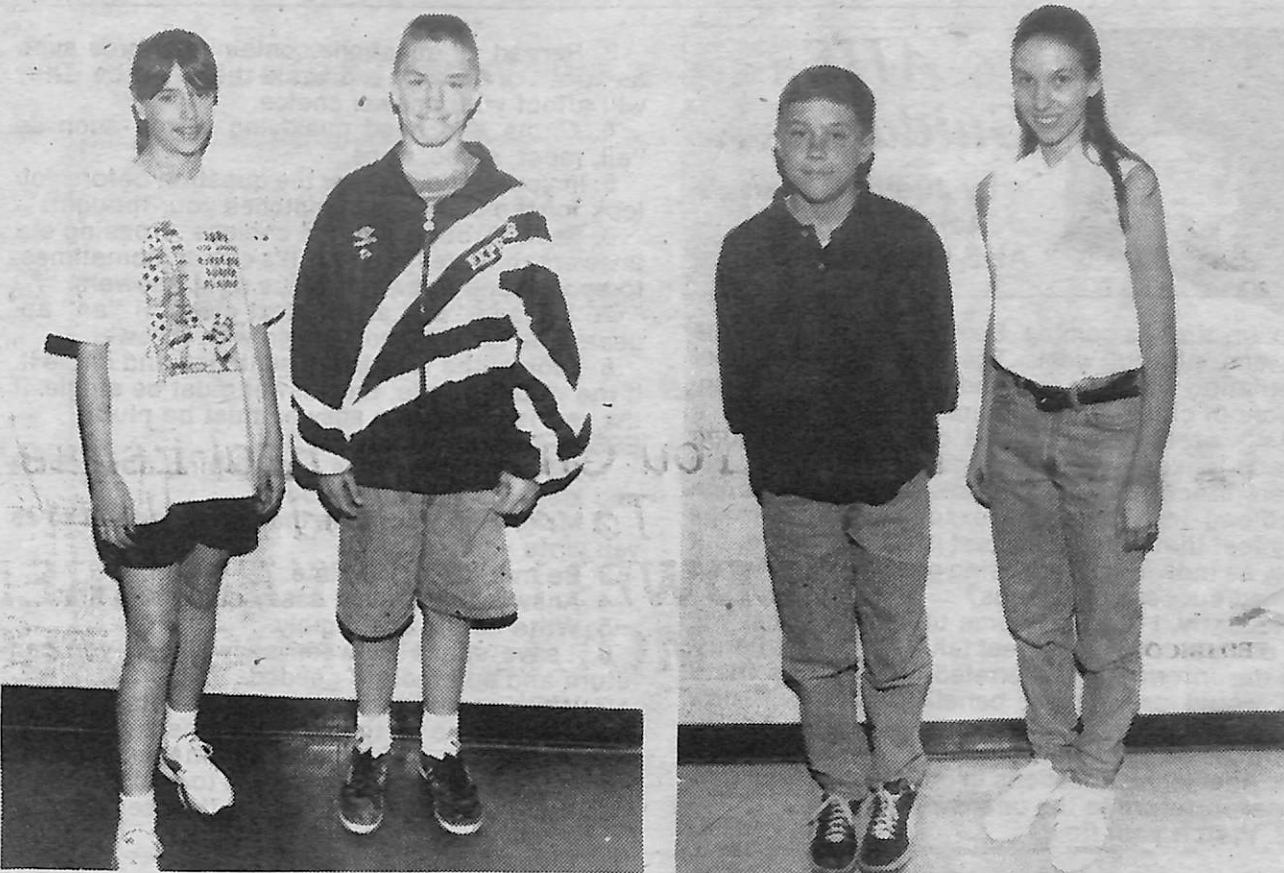
If a course is cancelled due to insufficient enrollment, a full refund is given but no refund is given after the first class has met or if a student is discharged from the program because of discipline.

Anyone may take a class for enrichment but if school credit is desired, arrangements must be made with one's own guidance department before registration.



AGAWAM MAYOR CHRISTOPHER C. JOHNSON and staff members from Fitness First stopped at Granger School earlier this month to conduct an outdoor gym class for the entire school. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Honored "Students" At Junior High School



IN LEFT PHOTO: Kaila Larivee and Danny were Marsili were recently recognized as the "Physical Education Students Of The Month" at Agawam Junior High School. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Timothy Corlett (seventh grade) and Nicole Megatulski (eighth grade) were named the Junior High's "Art Students Of The Month" for April. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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## Sports

# Brownie Baseball Stays Hot After 16-Inning OT Win Over Holyoke

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

Earlier this spring, the Holyoke High baseball team beat Agawam High in a 1-0 heartbreaker for the Brownies. Last Monday evening, the two Valley League contenders met again. It was payback time for AHS. And nearly five hours and 16 innings later, the locals got it with a 4-3 win over the Purple Knights at McKenzie Field.

This was Agawam's fourth straight win to up its record to 12-5 and 3-2 in the Valley League at presstime. Holyoke fell to 11-6 and 3-3 in the league.

This one had more pathos in it than a Gothic novel.

Jaimie Scherban (4 1/3 IP, 5 hits, 1 unearned run, 3 K's, 2 walks) started for AHS. The "Wizard" was trying to add to his 5-1 record. He would go against Holyoke ace Mike Fortin (11 IP, 8 hits, 1 run, 10 K's, and 2 walks). Fortin was the guy who beat them in the first contest.

### It Seemed Like Deja Vu For AHS

It seemed he might do it again. The Knights got a run in the second inning. It was unearned. And the Brownies began to get that queasy "haven't we been here before" feeling.

That feeling got scary as the seventh inning arrived. Agawam was down, 1-0. Fortin was cruising. By that time, Scherban was gone. Jim Baldyga (4 IP, no hits, no runs, 8 K's, and 3 walks) was on. But the Brownie offense was now against the wall.

Scherban (2-7, 1 run scored), who went to second base after Coach Boo Smith terminated his mound duties, slapped a single down the first base line. Jay Malone (1-5, 1 run scored) sacrificed Scherban to second. Catcher Chris Chechile (4-7, 2 RBI's, 2 stolen bases), who played in pain the whole game with a bum thumb, laced a single past second to score Scherban.

The Brownie following on hand in the Paper Ci-

ty, who were sitting on their hands for the most part, were now ready to strike up a rowdy rendition of the "Hallelujah Chorus."

Baldyga, who was pitching brilliantly, got the Purple Knights in order in the bottom of the seventh. The teams went into extra innings tied at one.

The ninth inning saw one of the great plays of the game. A Brownie snafu on a sacrifice bunt saw Holyoke's P.J. Moynihan on third with one out. Jon Jacobsen (7 2/3 IP, 8 hits, 2 runs, 8 K's, 7 walks) came on to pitch. Holyoke catcher Matt Gladu drilled a worm burner to short. Mike Domingue, who played nifty defense throughout the long night, scooped it up and threw to the plate.

Chechile dug the strong throw out of the dirt and the Brownies nailed the charging Moynihan. If they'd blown the play, the game was over.

Holyoke had a new pitcher to start the 12th frame. The Brownie supporters breathed a sigh of relief to see Fortin call it a night. He had pitched a gem.

The 15th inning saw more outstanding defense. Two straight singles saw the Knights suddenly enjoying men on first and second with no outs. A sacrifice bunt sent them to second and third, respectively.

Gladu came up and laced a sinking liner to the right-center gap. Things looked to be over. But Baldyga, now playing in centerfield, had other thoughts. He made a spectacular, full-speed, diving catch. He snatched the ball six inches off the grass for the out.

Baldyga then leapt up and pegged a perfect strike to the plate to assure that the Holyoke runner on third would not be foolish enough to test his rifle arm and try to score.

### Pisano Started The Big Rally

The 16th inning saw the redemption of senior Dom Pisano (1-7, 1 run scored). Pisano came into the game at a sizzling 7-12 with a homer and 9 RBI's over the past week but was not having a good game.

But Pisano, a torrid competitor, drilled a pitch to deep left. By the time the ball found its way back to the infield, the tri-captain was camped on second with a huge stand-up double. It was just the spark the team needed.

Jay Malone came up with one out and sent a big hop single over second. Pisano came home with the go-ahead run.

Godfrey then walked. Chechile singled to send Malone home and Godfrey to third. Domingue walked to load the bases. Baldyga (2-7) hit into a 4-6 force but Godfrey scored with the third run of the frame. Chechile also tried for home but got caught in a rundown between third and the plate to end the inning. But it was 4-1, AHS.

But it wasn't in the books yet. A leadoff walk which recorded a run on a single made it 4-2. Another single and a walk saw Holyoke with the bases loaded and one out. Jacobsen was tiring on this humid evening and the clock was edging towards midnight. He was now hurling on pure guts.

Holyoke catcher Matt Gladu stepped in. He blasted a shot to the hole between short and third. Domingue went to his right and to his knees. He had no play and a run scored to make it 4-3, Brownies.

If he had not stopped the ball, the score would have been tied and we still might be at McKenzie Field. Jacobsen got the next man to ground to Pisano, who gunned the ball over to first baseman Bryan Menard for the final out. The marathon was over.

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## Brownie Softball Continues Drive For Another League Title

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

There was a time when an Agawam High/Amherst Regional softball game was part of an ongoing rivalry. Not so this year. While the Brownies are once again charging towards a second straight Western Mass crown, the Hurricanes, lately, when it comes to playing Agawam, are generally twisting in the wind.

Agawam beat them at Harmon Smith field Monday, 5-3. That win put an exclamation point on their 10-2 blowout of the Hurricanes in Amherst a week or so ago.

The win lifts the Brownies' record to 16-3 and 5-1 in the Valley League. It was also their third win in a row after a rare 5-3 loss to Westfield a week ago last Tuesday.

Amherst fell to 10-5 and 3-3 in the Valley League.

Agawam scored first in the first. Courtne Hyland (1-2, 1 run scored, 1 stolen base) drew a two-out walk. She stole second and took third on the overthrow designed to get her. Jen O'Neil (0-3) dropped a dinger in front of the plate. The errant throw by the Amherst catcher sent "Court" home with an unearned run.

Laura Rapa (7 IP, 8 hits, 3 runs, 2 K's, 2 walks) was in the circle for Agawam. Need we say more? She held Amherst scoreless for four innings, while her teammates worked resolutely at getting her all the runs she'd need for her 12th win of the season.

The Brownies tallied up three more in the second. Steph Fleming (2-3, 2 runs scored, 1 stolen base), Andrea Nolan (0-1, 1 run scored, 1 RBI), and Kristen Patterson (0-3, 1 run scored) occupied the bases, courtesy of a single, an interference play, and an error. Erica Pratt (2-3, 2 RBI's) stepped in and drilled a triple into the left-center gap, scoring her trio of teammates. Before you could say "blowin' in the wind," the Hurricanes were down, 4-0.

Agawam's fifth and final run of the game came in the fourth. Fleming banged a one-out single and swiped second. She took third on a passed ball. An Andrea Nolan sacrifice fly delivered her to the plate to make it 5-0, Brownies.

Amherst tried to come back in the fifth. Erin Cheney reached on a bunt single. She was sacrificed to second. Colleen Schmitt's two-out double scored Cheney.

They experienced some more good fortune in the sixth. Four singles and a hit batter thrown in for good measure allowed the 'Canes to put two more up on the board.

It was Rapa's toughest inning of her outing as Amherst sent eight hitters to the plate. After a lead-off single in the seventh, she set Amherst down in order.

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## Debbie Lickley Thanks AHS Softball During Time Of Her Mother's Death

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

Much of the time in high school, a team looks to its coach for guidance and advice. Last week it was the Agawam High girls' softball team who stepped up for their coach. It was one of those times that vividly defines just what a team is deep down that makes it special.

Coach Debbie Lickley's mother had died a week ago last Monday after an illness. It was a difficult time all around. First, Lickley could not be there to coach them. It was their biggest week of the year in Valley League competition. And they felt her pain.

Many teams would have rolled over. This club refused to do that. Instead, they rallied around Assistant Coach Missy Sullivan, who was taking over in a tough situation. They went out and did the best they could, losing one to Westfield on Tuesday, then coming back behind Laura Rapa, who shook off the Bomber loss to beat arch-rival West Springfield the next day. It was the first time in many a year they've beaten the Terriers twice in one season. The final game of the week last Friday saw them avenge the Westfield loss.

Their performance during a trying time was just the boost Lickley needed. "I'm proud of their

athletic and competitive ability on the field. But I'm even prouder of their ability to stay together during a time of adversity. If it's possible, I gained even more respect for them, as people and not just as my softball team," she smiled.

Everything in life, good or bad, should be part of a learning process that never ends. "This period in our lives made us realize that teamwork is one of the most valuable things you can possess," Lickley said.

Lickley, now back coaching her club to another shot at a Western Mass title and a possible bid for a state crown, noted that she wouldn't trade positions with anyone else. "Agawam is a tough town to coach in. But the kids in the program now, and the ones who've graduated but always keep in touch, make it worthwhile."

Then she added, "Last Friday, I told them it was time for all of us to move ahead. I think they understood."

They play Minnechaug on Friday, May 24th. An Agawam win would clinch their second straight Valley League title and show everyone the strength of their resolve.

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## AHS Girls' & Boys' Track Compete In Individual's Meet; McGeoghan Wins Two

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

Central High School last weekend was the site of the Valley League Individuals Track Meet for boys and girls. While no team scores were kept, it was a chance for the league athletes to get tuned up and have a last chance to qualify for this weekend's Western Mass. Tournament.

Agawam High girls' Coach Dean Vecchiarrelli noted that he wasn't surprised by his team's performance. Danielle DiStefano, usually a first place finisher in the triple jump, came in third with a leap of 34-4½". "She's good. But she's been beaten twice this season in that event, so I knew it could happen," Vec said.

High jump champ Sue DeFilipi could only manage 4'11", which placed her third. Vec did have a small problem with the way it happened. "Sue had to high jump, then they made her go run. After she ran, they had her come back and complete her high jump competition. She was really tired."

Vec has a point. DeFilipi's personal best is 5'4". And she usually goes at least 5'1". The first place jumper, Hamp's Kristen Ludwiczak, went 5'1". The second place girl, Cathedral's Kate Brennen, also jumped 5'1". Sue has beaten them both, with ease, during the season.

Danielle finished second in the 200 meter at 27.1. She also runs the 100 meter and does well doing it. Vec has a dilemma coming up Saturday - whether to have her go in the 100 or 200. "We'll probably enter her in the 100 meters," he said.

The race (because of the timing) that probably cost DeFilipi the high jump was the 400 meters. Sue won it in a personal best time of 62.1.

Freshman Barbara Maloni took the 300 low hurdles, posting a personal best of 48.7. She has lost only once this year in that event (to Northampton's Tabitha Pyles, who didn't attend the meet because of illness).

The good times continued in the 4x100 relay. The Brownie team of Kara McDade, Almee Loudfoot, Tara Fleming, and DiStefano took it in another personal best time of 51.6.

The 4x400 relay team of Jen Stratton, Ellamarie Atkins, Maloni, and DeFilipi also recorded a personal best of 4:25, even though they finished second to Central.

And Vec fielded a 4x800 relay team. "We don't run that event at Agawam. But we decided to look at some kids," Vec observed. The team of Sarah Cote, Megan Conklin, Cindi Alfano, and Amber Paradysz posted an 11:04 for a second place finish.

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The boys had their moments as well. Coach Dan Beevis said there were no surprises for him involving his team's performance. But he was less than pleased with some of the conditions at Central.

"The running track was okay. But the areas for the high, long, and triple jumps were a joke," he noted. "The runway surfaces were hard and slippery. It was almost impossible for any of the competitors in those vents to get up any speed or maintain traction."

Perhaps that's why the Brownies' star triple and high jumper, Phil McGeoghan (even though he won those two events with efforts of 40'6½" and 6'4" respectively), fell far short of his best performances.

Beevis also questioned the way portions of the meet were handled. "The meet coordinator was pulling kids off a field event before they completed it to run in a track event, which hurt them when they went back to the field competition."

While the Brownie boys didn't fare quite as well as their lady counterparts, they did have some encouraging times. Though they didn't crack the top



three in the 800 meters, Pat Napoli and Rich Rodriguez recorded personal bests of 2:10.7 and 2:10.9, respectively.

Dave Thomas, who finished sixth in the mile, had a P.B. time of 4:52, which pleased the coach. Ian Lane came in fourth with a personal best clocking of 16.6 in the high hurdles.

Joe Mercieri, who took a third (140-2) in the javelin, grabbed a personal best of 45.9 (fifth) in the 300 low hurdles.

And while the 4x800 team of Jeff Rousseau, Napoli, Rodriguez, and Dave Thomas finished out of the money (fourth), their time of nine minutes flat was a personal best for them.

The 4x100 relay time of Jack Biscoe, Brad Tilden, Brandon Kunkler, and Tony Alfano only managed a third with a time of 47.6. But the coach looked on the bright side of things. "They could have easily won it, except for two shaky hand-offs. It's a pure speed race. And you can't afford any mistakes in it."

He noted that they are working hard on their technique this week.

The Western Mass. extravaganza will be at Springfield Central on Saturday, May 25th. This time there will be team points and standings. Both coaches are confident their charges will do well.

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## Brownie Girls Show Good Fight In Recent Tennis Matches

The Agawam High girls' tennis team saw action last week. On May 13th, they met Cathedral and lost the match 1-4. Katia Prolongeau dropped the first singles, 6-4, 5-7, 2-6. But she played well in the first set, mixing up her game with good serves and strong ground strokes.

Kirsten Decoteau couldn't figure out the Panthers' Andrea Hughes and lost 2-6, 0-6.

Betsy Gervais had it all together in third singles. She won in straight sets, 6-3, 6-3. "Betsy was totally focused. And she was moving well all over the court," girls tennis Coach Mary Wolochowicz noted.

First doubles saw Maureen Dimock and Meguni Isogai get bageled in their first set. But they came back strong in the second set, almost winning it before falling 5-7.

Selena Machia and Kelly Stoddard had some trouble in second doubles, losing love and one.

Two days later, the Brownies traveled to Minnechaug. Katia Prolongeau lost in first

singles, 4-6, 0-6. Kirsten Decoteau dropped her second singles contest, love and love.

The third singles is starting to become Agawam's toughest spot. Betsy Gervais, playing her usual, steady baseline game, beat the Falcons' Meghan Begley, 6-2, 6-3. It was her third straight win.

Maureen Dimock and Meguni Isogai fell in first doubles, 2-6, 3-6.

Selena Machia and Kelly Stoddard, playing tough, took their opponents to three sets, 6-2, 2-6, 6-7, in second doubles before losing the third set in a tiebreaker.

A week ago last Wednesday, Agawam hosted Westfield and lost 4-1, but not without a fight. Katia Prolongeau hung tough, losing in first singles, 3-6, 7-5, 2-6.

Kirsten Decoteau fell 3-6, 0-6 in second singles.

Betsy Gervais won her fourth straight match, 7-5, 6-1, in third singles. Once again, she prevailed by playing her steady and smart game.

First doubles was a good one. Even though Maureen Dimock and Meguni Isogai lost, they took the tough team of Caroline Smith-Hart and Laura Misiewicz to three sets, 6-3, 5-7, 4-6.

Kelly Stoddard and Courtney Locke fell three and three in second doubles.

At this writing, the girls' tennis team is 1-10 in the Valley Wheel.

## AHS Golfers Remain At Top Of Elite Class In Western Mass.

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

The Agawam boys' golf team had a good week last week. They started off with victories over Amherst and South Hadley in a dual match, Monday (May 13th), to run their record to 11-1-1.

Then, in what Brownie golf Coach Paul Bachini called possibly their best outing of the year, they beat Ludlow, 15½-2½ at Agawam Country Club. They had six kids shoot 39 or better. The parade was led by junior John Molta's one under par 36. Others who also chipped in were Al Albano, 37; Trevor Brown, 38; and 39's from freshmen Chris Rousseau and Keith Gendza.

The beat went on the following day (last

Wednesday) with a close 9½-8½ triumph over East Longmeadow. But another 36 from Molta, a 38 from Brown, and a 40 off the sticks of sophomore Kyle Gendron clinched the Valley Wheel title for the Brownies (13-1 at the time).

They had a tough one last Friday at the Longmeadow Country Club. Number one player John Molta lost his match, 34-38, to the Lancer's state champion Larry Nuger. But Jeff Rousseau won his with a 39. Keith Gendza shot a 42. And Kyle Gendron was a winner with a 46. All the effort was good enough for a 9-9 tie and a 13-1-1 record through last Friday.

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## AHS Girls' Lacrosse Continues To Improve



THE 1996 Agawam High girls' varsity lacrosse captains are Alison Reseigne and Gina Cincotta. The two seniors are pictured with Coach Cindy Grieve. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM HIGH junior varsity girls' lacrosse team will be looking for places on the varsity next season. Team members are, back row, from left - Coach Cindy Grieve, Nikita Rashamwala, Brenna McGuinn, Heather Arcangeletti, Corey DiDonato, Jen Thibodeau, and Brooke Ramah. Middle row - Megan Isam, Gina Cellili, Heather Hughes, Danielle DeForge, Christina Gregory, Kelly Cortis, and Michelle Bitgood. Front row - Chrystal Rivers, Shelley Rose, Jennifer McGuire, and Robin Przybyla. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Freshman Softball Continues To Roll Over Opposition

The new up-and-coming stars of the Agawam freshman softball team are exciting to watch. With only one loss this season to Westfield, the team is confident and ready to face any challenge.

The girls were hot with their bats facing Central on Monday, winning 17-1.

Michele Beaudette was 4-4. Kristin Chmielewski was 3-4 with one triple and a home run.

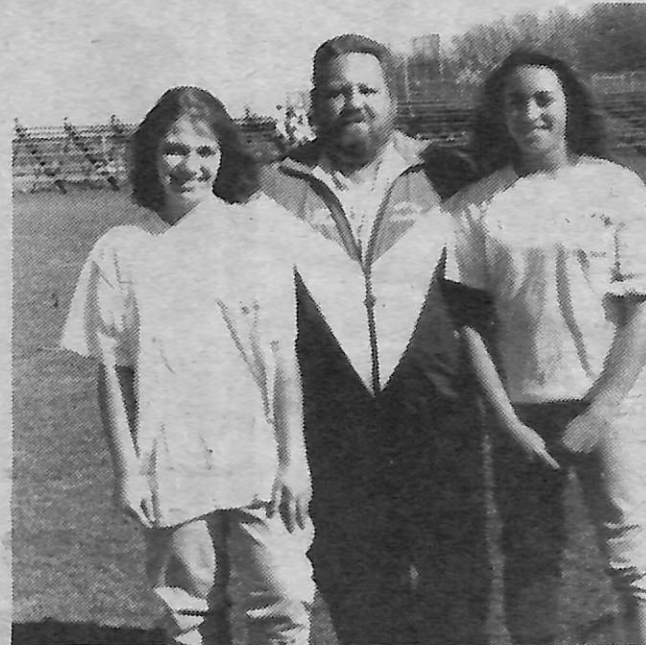
Lindsay Mason pitched and was smoking on the mound and also with her bat, going 3-4. Jessica Montagna, Bridget Donovan, and Nicole Macey went 3-3. Cornelia Moysis was 3-4.

Other members of this great freshman team are Erin Rescigno, Deb Boissonneault, Darla Haffke, Dawn Bucalo, and Kristin Pisano.

These girls are hard-working and take pride in themselves and their team.

You will be seeing a lot of these girls in the years to come.

Great job!



FRESHMAN SOFTBALL COACH Al O'Quinn and his two 1996 captains - Kornelia Moysis and Lindsay Mason. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM HIGH girls' lacrosse team participated in a fundraiser at the High School on Sunday, May 19th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Bridgeport Nat'l Royals	4	0
Hastie Fence Athletics	4	1
Valenti's Restaurant Red Sox	4	2
Hood's Giants	3	2
Schlaffer Chiropractic Indians	3	2
Rollaway Mets	3	2
Scott's Citgo Braves	2	4
Agawam DARE Orioles	2	4
Agawam Public Mkt. Yankees	1	5
Soda City Dodgers	0	4

MINOR LEAGUE	W	L	T
Lion's Club Orioles	4	0	0
Luigi's Pizza & Pasta Braves	4	0	0
Parrotta's Auto Sales Athletics	4	1	0
Teddy Bear Pools Mets	2	2	0
Ayre Real Estate Giants	1	1	1
Polish Club Royals	1	1	0
Dreyer Plumb. & Heat. Dodgers	1	2	0
Bolduc Printing Yankees	0	2	1
Longhi's Golf Center Indians	0	4	0
VFW Post 1632 Red Sox	0	6	0

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## SHAA Girls' 8-10 Softball Standings

	W	L
Universal Plastics	3	1
Hastie Fence	3	0
Ag. Lions Club	1	3
Westbank	0	4
New Horizons	2	0
Thomas Locke, Esq.	1	2

## SHAA Girls' 10-13 Softball Standings

	W	L
Micro-Test	2	2
T&R Wholesale	4	1
Ideal Contractor	4	0
Ag. Police Assoc.	0	5
Steven's Travel	0	4
Ken's Eyewear	2	3
John's Trucking	4	1

## Ag. Babe Ruth STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L
Larry's Mobil Athletics	5	0
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## Forget Your Favorite Club

If there is one mistake that most middle to high handicappers make on a green, it's trying to hit all of their chip shots with their favorite club. This is a mistake because, instead of changing their clubs to suit the situation, they have to change their swing—obviously a needless complication to an already complex game.

Assuming you have a good lie, the decision on which club to use should be based on how much fringe you have to carry and how much the ball needs to roll once it settles on the green. Since you want to spin the ball as little as possible, I suggest taking the least lofted club possible, right on down to the 5-iron.

Spin is a variable that is difficult to judge and control—and control is the top priority on delicate shots such as these.

## SHAA Girls' Softball (Week Ending 5/16/96)

	W	L
Colonial Funeral Home (Red)	4	1
Cecchi's (Orange)	2	2
T&R Wholesale (Yellow)	2	2
Topper's (Green)	2	2
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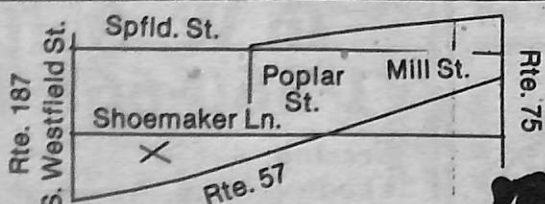
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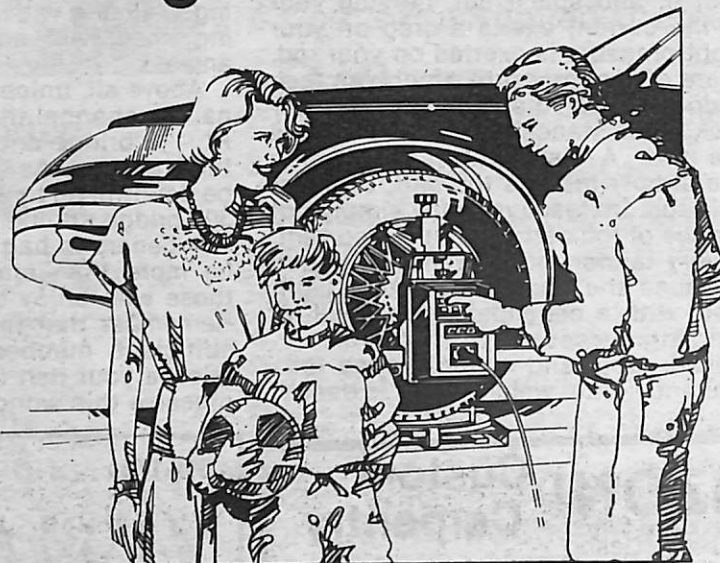
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## Outdoors New England

by Kent Servis  
Outdoor Writer

### Shad - The Poor Man's Atlantic Salmon

The annual migration of Alosa Sapidissima or American Shad is underway! These sleek ocean fish are the largest members of the herring family.

The Connecticut River and its tributaries are host to the largest spawning run in the East. The current and former world record shad were caught right in our own backyard.

In the ocean, they feed on miniature plankton and other very small foods. Once these hard fighting fish enter the rivers and streams in search of their ancestral spawning grounds, they do not eat. This is nature's way of insuring that they do not feed on their own eggs or newly hatched young.

If a fish does not eat, then how does one catch it? The answer is really quite simple. In their singleminded quest to fulfill nature's strongest urge, they will strike out or slash at anything that gets in their way, including such things as shad darts.

The shad dart is a lead-bodied jig with a hair tail. They come in a variety of color combinations and weights. Effective depth control and the right color combinations are essential to successfully connecting with these sleek powerful fish.

The dart is cast across the current or at a slight angle downstream. By keeping the rod tip high and slowly reeling, the dart should be allowed to sweep downstream, a couple of feet off the bottom.

Encountering an intruder in their path, the shad will often hook themselves on the dart and the hit is hard and positive. Sometimes, however, they will barely tap the dart, and the angler will not even be aware that his dart has been hit.

Keeping a taught line and paying attention to the feel of the current against your dart can alert you to even the softest of hits. Sometimes you may notice that one angler hooks up continually, while the rest of the crowd goes fishless.

Pay polite attention to what this fisherman is doing. In addition to noting the size and color of his dart and whether or not he is using any additional weight such as a split shot or two, watch his retrieve.

When the fish are not in an actively aggressive mood, it is possible to have a fish approach your offering, mouth it, and spit it out, defying your detection. As the current exerts a drag on your dart and a slight pressure is exerted on your rod, be acutely aware of that pressure which you feel.

When you do not feel that pressure, or any momentary lack of resistance, set the hook with a sweep of the rod. A fish that is swimming upstream, who simply mouths the dart, may not give the classic tug. Instead, you may simply not feel the resistance of the dart against the current.

Shad have very tender mouths and too much pressure will cause the hook to tear out. Light lines and a reel with a dependable drag will increase your angling success.

As water levels drop, and current speed falls off, use smaller and lighter weight darts. In deeper

holes or swift current, use heavier darts. A trick to remember when current and water are high, is to trim back the hair tied on the dart as a tail. The hair provides buoyance and drag. If you need to get the dart deeper, trim the hair back to the bend of the hook. If the fish are striking lightly or "hitting short," try removing the hair altogether. This reduces the overall size of the dart and will let them zero in on the business end of the dart, rather than the hair dressing.

Shore-bound anglers can score just as well as boat fishermen, if they use some common sense to selecting location. Look for areas of faster moving water. The areas behind bridge abutments provide current breaks where the fish can rest momentarily, before charging upstream. The abutments also cause the water to accelerate as it passes around the obstruction.

Fast water, which is just above deeper holes, can also yield the right combinations for success. Let the lure sweep through the fast water, and settle into the deeper holes downstream. It is important to remember, that these fish are on the move. Periods of no action can come to an abrupt halt when another school of fish pass through an area.

In Massachusetts, popular spots include the areas just below the Holyoke Dam, on both the Holyoke and South Hadley side of the river. The mouth of the Chicopee River as well as the area of the Chicopee River just below the falls are time honored locations. The area of the bubbler near the boat launch at Bondi's Island, the mouth of the Mill River in Springfield, as well as the stretch of the Westfield River that lies below the dam at the site of the old mills in West Springfield are proven producers.

In Connecticut, the same applies to the Farmington River below the Rainbow Dam. Local convention on the Farmington River near Barts store is to use elongated sinkers and a willow leaf set-up. The water here is fairly deep. The heavy weights are used to bring the willow leaf rig close to the bottom. Further up the river, where the water shallows, darts are effective.

Boat anglers on the main body of the Connecticut River can have an absolute field day. The area below the Enfield Dam can be tricky to navigate, but will yield some really fast action. A state-controlled shad fishing area on the Suffield side of the river is provided for anglers to enjoy.

The special area is located at the end of Canal St. on Rt. 5, just downstream of the Rt. 190 bridge between Enfield and Suffield.

In Massachusetts, the area between the Holyoke Dam and the Rt. 91 bridge can resemble a nautical traffic jam. On a nice weekend, you could almost walk across the river by stepping from boat deck to boat deck.

When approaching the anchored fleet of boats, use some common sense and courtesy. Keep in mind that most of these fisherman will have lines trailing behind the boats at a considerable distance. The swifter current may give you some anchoring problems, so don't shut off the outboard motor until you are sure that the anchor is holding. Being swept downstream, anchor dragging, colliding with other anchored boats and fouling lines, will not endear you to your fellow anglers.

Above all, unless you are very familiar with the narrow channel that cuts the rapids between the Rt. 116 bridge and the Holyoke Dam, don't even think about it. As the water level recedes, it would be doubtful as to whether passage beyond the Rt. 391 bridge should be attempted.

A generous bag limit of six shad a day should be more than enough to stock the freezer for those who enjoy this tasty but rather bony fish. Remember that this is a resource that relies on sufficient numbers of spawning fish. Gently release your fish to complete nature's cycle and preserve this wonderful fishery for future thrills.

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Saunders Marina at Congamond Lakes reports that largemouth bass action is heating up as the water continues to warm. Some bass are bedding and some nice catches are reported. The usual live bait techniques are effective. Plastic worms and rip baits are taking their share of hefty fish.

Robblets Sport Shop in Granby reports that some nice trout are coming out of the Farmington River and Salmon Brook. A recent stocking which was reported last week, has kept the trout action fairly steady. Rainbow Reservoir is also producing some respectable bass action. Shad fishing in the Connecticut River and the Farmington River below the dam is hot.

Connecticut River fishermen report that the shad action is red hot. Most of the fish taken continue to be the smaller buck shad, but the larger females won't be far behind. The Enfield Dam is producing good catches of shad, and the stripers are showing up as they gorge themselves on Blueback Herring.

Lake Ontario has had some disappointing days, according to some of the charter captains and their customers. Unstable weather, along with a feeling that the forage base and low stocking numbers had hurt the fishery, are given as reasons.

Salt water action will continue to warm up as larger stripers arrive in greater numbers from southern waters. Cod are being taken by party boats, but the cold weather months of inshore cod populations are over.

Flounder are being taken in increasing numbers from the Rhode Island bays to the eastern stretches of Long Island Sound.

#### TALKING TURKEY

With the second phase of the spring turkey season underway, some reports have been coming in. Don Loncto, one of Agawam's finest, bagged an 18½-pound gobbler with a long beard, while hunting in the hill towns. The turkey population in the area west of the Connecticut River is in good shape and there are many birds available. Numerous birds does not always equate to easy success, however. The Sergeant reported that gobblers were not talking back, and that his bird came in to the call with no advance announcement of his arrival.

Have a safe and enjoyable week!

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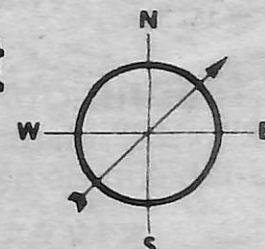
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